

Col. Forbes to Col. Maclean

A.A. No. 39

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From my pocket

March 20th

1812

My dear Sir in answer
to your very obliging
letter which I received this
morning I can only say, that
in returning my respects
to His Royal Highness I
thought I did that, which
was most respectful
towards His Royal Highness
and for this reason, that being

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I must vote in opposition
 it is my right that should
 state my intention and
 so leave it to His Royal
 Highness to say whether
 under those circumstances
 he will allow me to remain
 one of his household - of
 course I cannot but
 feel highly honored
 in retaining so distinguished

a mark of His Royal Highness's
 gracious favor but I can
 do so only with the under-
 standing that I shall
 be considered as perfectly
 free on every question which
 will come before the
 House of Commons -
 I wish this to be understood
 and I can assure
 you it is to be complied

Lord Forbes

March 20, 1812

unless you take the opportunity
of mentioning
it to His Royal Highness
which you will much oblige

me by doing - I have the
most joyful sense of
His Royal Highness's goodness
to me and regret that various
business should oblige me to appear
so unworthy of it but I should
be truly so, if I acted otherwise
I am by Dear Sir
Yr Obedient Servant
Colonel ^{John} Forbes