

Ld. Clarendon to ? Col. McKeahan

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The Grove  
near Watford Herts  
21<sup>st</sup> March. 1812. Saturday

Sir

I understand that something has transpired respecting a letter which I had ventured to think of addressing to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, relative to my Brother's services in Portugal; and it seems therefore necessary that I should take the liberty of submitting to you some explanation upon the subject. Were I the only person on whose account this explanation now appears requisite, I should feel even more scrupulous than I do in troubling you; and I will still request of you to accept, on my part, whatever apologies may appear necessary. I had, in reliance upon the kindness and condescension of His Royal Highness, actually written the letter to which I have just alluded; and my Brother, from notions of delicacy, stopped me from sending it: - no man, I believe, upon any



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decision where his merits are in question, was ever more  
to shrink than he is, from the idea of any display or  
discussion of them; and one has only, perhaps, to admire  
& lament / putting aside the partiality of a brother /  
the escape of those feelings in any instance, which are, in  
themselves, so amiable & honorable.

Should any thing have reached His Royal  
Highness respecting the letter to which I have alluded,  
I should feel that some expressions of my high  
respect and deference ought to be submitted to him:  
If I were to attempt to convey them, I should not  
satisfy my own feelings; but I should look, with full  
confidence, to the not having acquitted myself of that  
duty imperfectly, if you would have the great goodness  
to submit to His Royal Highness whatever, in your  
opinion, may seem most becoming on upon the  
occasion.

I hope I do not take too great a liberty, Sir, in  
saying how sensible I am of the friendly & obliging  
part which I am informed that you have taken



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in this business.

I am, Sir,

your very obedient &

faithful servant

Clarendon.



Lord Mansfield  
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