

Duke of Northumberland

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Abchurch Lane 22. March 1812.

My Dear Colonel

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 19th by the Post last night, and I beg you will believe me, that it ever has, & ever will afford me the greatest Pleasure wherever I can do any thing that can tend to your benefit, or the accomplishment of any wish of your's. I could have wished that on the present occasion H: R: H: s desire of having his attorney General, M^r James, returned for Aldburgh for the remainder of the Parliament had taken place, because you know how devoted I am to H: R: H: M^r James however declines the offer, in his letter to you, which I herewith return. The very short, and precarious time, which every body would have to sit, together with the Expence of the Election, & its taking a Professional man out of the Course of his Business, will make it ~~equally~~ equally objectionable to M^r James. In this case therefore I think it will be not advisable, to give up the remainder of this Parliament, & return the seat to M^r Crispin's hands. Especially as the prospect of time before the Day of Election will hardly permit me to look out for a friend
Colonel James Innes —

and be able to arrange every thing, before the day of Election.
Indeed I do not ever hear upon what terms H^c C^c would consent
to make the transfer. May I therefore beg of you to be kind enough
to inform H^c C^c of my intention of releasing him for the remainder
of this Parliament, & that I should give him his seat to him.
I am very sorry to give you all this trouble, which however is
not my fault.

Knowing that your time is so much occupied, especially
at your first taking possession of your two new Offices, I will only
detain you, to desire you will offer my Duty to the D^y R^y & accept
yourself of the Compliments of Congratulations & the good wishes of
myself and Family. Be so kind as to present our Compliments to H^c
Roc. Major. Adieu My dear Colonel and be assured I ever am with
the greatest truth

Your ever faithful Friend
Northumberland.