

Duke of Northumberland

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Albion Castle 30th March 1812.

My Dear Colonel

I here acknowledge the receipt of
your two letters of the 27th and congratulate you on the Honours
as well as Encomium you have received from the Regent, who is
unbounded in his fondness to those of whom he entertains a good
opinion. I am sorry to find that there should still remain any
difficulties which can prevent your enjoying part of the honours
which are desired for you by the R. R., but the Insolence and
Revolence of a certain set of men seem to cross their way to such a
degree of violence, as will I hope draw down not only H: R: H: s
highest displeasure, but even legal Punishment upon their Heads.
They have drawn the sword, & flung every the scabbard indeed. You
know, my Dear Colonel, long long ago I pointed all this, & ventured
to give you my opinion of the true characters of certain Persons.
I well know to what all their pretended attachment to the Prince
was due. That self Interest & their own private Exaltation, were
their only motives. The Event has proved I was right. I am rejoiced
to learn that H: R: H: looks at all this with the just contempt it
deserves, and you may depend upon it, if He only continues firm and
The Right Honourable
Col. Mordaunt

irrevocable, all will soon be at end, and for the rest of his
Government, He will carry it on in Peace, & entirely to his own
Satisfaction. But for this Purpose, He must determine not to give
any. I confess Dear Mother's dire of Conduct astonishes me beyond Measure
and from the regard I have always had for him, from a very early period
in his life, I can look at it beyond Measure. Such Ingratitude He
never can forget, or forgive. Indeed from His elevated Situation, &
that Respect He owes to his own Dignity, He cannot do it.
I find in H. R. H.'s Distribution of the furten, He has followed the same
Line of Liberal Election, & Duty, which he has done from the first Com-
-mencement of His Regency, and which cannot fail of having its proper
Weight, with every respectable Man in the Kingdom. As I left every
thing to you to settle with M^r. Crespien, I hope you have managed things
in such a manner, as not to meet with any Disappointment, but shall
with pleasure, about your Appointment of private Secretary to the
Regent. Adieu, my dear Colonel, and be assured I ever am

Your's most faithfully

Northumberland

From the kind Information you always take in what concerns me & my Family,
I am sure you will have been very much affected on hearing of the Death
of my dearest Daughter, Lady Julia.