

Wm. Adams to Col. Keekahan

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Wobn Abbey Tuesday
March 31. 1812.

My Dear Friend.

The large Packet need not frighten You,
for barring my letter, in it, there is but little
for You to read - As you may pass over all
Lady Berkeley's scrawls but the five words
under which I have put three scores - You
will be under the necessity, however, of reading
my long letter - and my utmost wish is that
the substance of the last part may make up for
the Bore of the first.

My writing this additional Note has arisen
from my having seen, since I closed the large
Packet, a letter from my son Wm from Carter,
when he is upon the Circuit - I shall
conclude this with copying a Paper of
it that You may see the natural Bias of
those young minds which have risen under
my care. I am indebted to this by having felt
very poignantly by the cruel report ^{communicated} ~~perpetrated~~
of my Nephew, ^{to the Princess} - and I assure you it has
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born very much on my Mind to have had
 it stated that any person connected with me
 should have been concerned in a systematic
 plan of libel and that ^{upon} ~~against~~ the Prince.
 And altho' it was a mistake to suppose
 that I had a nephew of the name of Alan,
~~yet I have a nephew residing in London~~
 of the name of Lock - And the same
 disposition which conveyed the story
 under a mistaken name might re-
 peat it under a corrected one.

My nephew is a conveyancer most labor-
 ously employed in his calling - And is quite
 incapable of what is supposed - As much
 as the person who wrote the following para-
 graph in the letter received this morning
 from the Western Circuit. They are in-
 imiate friends & having been educated together
~~and~~ their minds are framed on the

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same Model - I can add too that
took some pains for the sake of truth
to ascertain whether such a Club had
an existence and I find it to be totally
without foundation. It is hard upon
innocent individuals to have such
imputations cast upon them - and
rather singular that it should be
thought even by the mind that conveyed
the poison that a person who lives
with me as a son (tho' only a nephew)
should be supposed to participate
in the Maligned Contrivance.

Now for the Extract from William
Adams's letter - "What can the
"Opposition mean by the line they
"have taken about the Prince of Wales?
"I can understand its being a ground
for

"For attacking Perusal for his personal
"Shabbings in deserting her, but to take
"up her cause as an injured Person is
"too bare faced and in my opinion
"too Blackguard to mend with any
"body, It is the Height of of Fattuous:
"ness must do them a great deal
"of Harm: But Jimmy has not the
"most remote idea of what belongs
"to a Gentleman."

There are thoughts which
were never meant to pass beyond
my mind but I cannot resist in
:parting them to your friend by a
Confidential Perusal. They are the
spontaneous free Communications of one
of the most perfect Bungs that I know
Yours ever truly affec
tioned
W. Adolphe