

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Ceston,

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Albion Castle 18th April 1812.

My Dear Colonel

Sensible how much your time must now be
engaged by business, I would not trouble you with a letter just at
present, and I resist the pleasure I feel, in finding that you have
overcome the opposition offered to you by your enemies, & that your appoint-
ment as Private Secretary to H. R. H. the Regent is at length
confirmed to you, and acknowledged by the House of Commons. These respects
I trust offered to the R. will I hope have the proper effect both on
H. R. H., and the Publick. It will show him the true character of those
who have so long professed an attachment to him, & have received such
marked kindness, & attention from H. R. H. It will convince him that
Soothsayers does not form any part of their character. It will likewise
lead to convince H. R. H. of the real value of a true, & really
attached friend, & servant. The Publick will receive the benefit of
of learning, from their conduct, how little dependence is to be placed
on such men; who would willingly sacrifice their Sovereign, their
Country, & every thing, to their presumptions, & mad ambition; and that
their professions, & professions, of Regard, Attachment, & Devotion, are only
The Right Honorable
Colonel Mordaunt &c. &c. &c.

binding upon them, as far as suits their own private Conscience.
 In my own Opinion, such good may arise from their unrestrained
 Violence. They have opened their true Character so very soon to the King's
 that it is to be devoutly hoped any future Proscriptions will be treated with
 that Contempt they merit, & that H. R. H. are never be deceived by
 them again.

I was happy to find, from your letter of the 10th, that so very little
 had been charged against my friend Lord Strafford. I possibly have
 held this accusation against him is a complete misrepresentation.
 That he has great superior Influence over the Royal of Portugal
 I know; but I know likewise, that he has made use of it, to obtain
 Advantages for this Country, which without such Influence he never
 could have obtained. In one Instance most openly he has proved the
 Delusion of the accusation for wanting, when by his Influence, actually
 persuaded the D: of Portugal to make to him, an Order under his
 Royal Sign Manual, for the Removal of an Old & faithful General
 (who was also Brother to His Grace's Minister) from the Regency of
 Portugal, for being given some Office to either L. Willeby, or L. Willeby
 if Lord Willeby himself thought it of sufficient consequence, to make
 use of such an Order of Removal; and this Lord S. prevented upon
 the Royal to do, without ever the Knowledge of the Duke's Minister,

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whose violent opposition to the removal of his own Brother, would
 probably have been the means of preventing H: R: H: from putting
 his sign hereunto to any such Order. His Lordship need of course be known
 to our Royal Highness, & therefore I trust will do every thing in his power, which
 Lord Mansfield's Exerises are attempt to give H: R: H: of his Lordship's
 conduct, by the misrepresentation of his Lordship's Proceedings. Surely
 a Person, being such Influence over the Court to which he is sent, is
 of inestimable Value to the Court from whence he is accredited, &
 deserves Honours, & Rewards, instead of marks of Disapprobation.
 of Lord Mansfield's Attachment, & Devotion, to the Prince Regent,
 personally, I am certain, as well as of his most anxious Desire
 to do every thing to the utmost of his Power, & Ability, for the Education
 and good of this Country.

I will detain you no longer, by Dear Colonel, than
 to desire you to present my Duty to H: R: H:, & to offer your
 presence before the Lordships, & best Wishes of the Duke, my Family,
 and myself, & to assure you that I ever am

Most faithfully your's
 Northumberland.

Duke of Northumberland
18th April 1812.