

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Kebleton -

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My Dear Colonel

I really am shocked to perceive how certain Persons are insulting the P. R., for what H. R. H. has reason to expect a very different Treatment. As for Lord Grey's Advice for all his Service, I could conceive for what it proceeds. I had always understood he was rather of a quiet Character, & a great Admirer & Friend of Lord Howe's. As for his Idea that the Prince should be placed in the Situation of a Queen, & called the Prince Regent, & receive an Income as such, nothing surely can be so completely ill founded. It has already been declared that the Estates of the Kingdom may call whoever they like to the Regency, & that the P. of W. is as much so to the King as so clear to the Situation. Does therefore Lord Grey & his Associates pretend that if Lord Grey, or Lord Percival, were to be called to the Regency, Lord Grey, or Lord Percival, were immediately to be treated as the Queen, & take upon themselves the Title & Style of Prince or Lady Regent, & have a corresponding Title & Honour, Colonel Kebleton -

Establishment settled upon them thro' the intervention of
 Parliament? The Dece is too extravagant, & absurd, not
 ever to have struck those gentlemen; tho' their understanding
 appear to be driven from them by their disappointed ambition.
 Your Brother was very miserable at being shut out on the
 Question of Mr. Wynn's Motion, & Mr. Harris still more angry at
 the News paper being pleased to print his Name in
 the List of the Honorables. Such kind of misrepresentations
 are scandalous. Capt. Berrich is going to apply for the
 Colours Hundred, & there will come in for Lancaster, so that
 I hope we shall be all right at last. I was rather surpris'd
 at what you inform me of the Queen's having seen some papers
 in some of my Letters, but can only find they have act'd
 with Her Majesty's Approbation. They say to the Queen of seeing
 Her better acquainted with my Serivants & Character, having great
 reason to believe that I have been much misrepresented both
 to H. M. & the King, from the most unjustifiable & vindictive
 motives. The Duke & myself are very sensible of Her Majesty's
 Condescension in offering us her Complaints of rudeness on our late

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best officiating Chap. - I am very happy to find you think Lord
Stuyvesant is in a way to advance in Honours, & Endowments,
instead of being recalled. I am convinced that he does not
deserve the Reflections which have been cast upon him, & I am
sorry to say, that I have reason to think some of the very mis-
representations which have been made about him, has been for the
purpose of covering their own Conduct, & the shameful neglect
of not sending him any Instructions how to act, altho' he repeatedly
solicited the Minister of his Department to do so. I believe
if this matter should be sifted to the Bottom, it will be found, that
not only frequently he got neither Letters, nor Dispatch, for many
Months, one after another, at a period when he was in the most
critical, & distressing Situation; in consequence of the repeated
Applications he received from General de Camille, & the Appearance
of great Dissatisfaction, on their part, that no positive answer
was given to them. But what could be done in such a Dilemma, unless
to procure any Instructions for how to act?

I hope now you have got rid of all the intended
attacks upon you, & that they will leave you alone to enjoy
the comfortable Situation with which the P. R. has rewarded

your reverent affection, & fidelity.

I must beg of you to receive the offer of my most
dutiful affection to H. R. H. & to accept graciously of the
compliments & best wishes of the Duke, my family, & myself
& to present the same for us to H^{rs} Grace & Pleas. advise
& believe me

Ever most faithfully yours
Northumberland.

Duke of Northumberland
24. April 1712.