

Sir Charles Hastings to Col. McC Mahon

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Welles by Hall, Athen tone April  
25<sup>th</sup> 1812

My dear Sir -

Since Lord Moira has by his late speech in the House of Lords thoroughly exculpated himself from the unfounded charge made unguardedly against him by G. A. I feel myself at full liberty to send you the letter of this most valuable and estimable friend, (who, I believe is at present in London) in order that you may see the natural effusion of his heart towards your Royal friend, & Master - You are well aware that Honor on my part, and delicacy towards him, require, I should very earnestly request of you, to return it, as soon, as you have

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read it - and in the mean<sup>time</sup> should you  
 not have destroyed that foolish sketch of a  
 memorial, which I delivered to you previous  
 to my quitting town, I shall also be obliged  
 to you for it, as it may sometime or other  
 be of service to me, as a memorandum.  
 Not being conscious of having deservedly  
 incurred the Regent's displeasure, I shall  
 construe your silence, into an accidental  
 circumstance, occasioned naturally by  
 your multiplicity of business - I have  
 intirely given up politics, I hate and detest  
 'em, as having been my bane thro' life -  
 with regard to what has lately past between  
 the R<sup>d</sup> Regent, and L<sup>d</sup> Moira, without pretending

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at all to be any judge, or even know any  
thing of it, I must ever deplore it - brought  
up as I have been with him from my  
infancy, without having had any difference  
during all that time, and looking upon him  
more, as a brother - I must ever feel attached  
to him, and His Royal Highness / I am con-  
-fident / would despise me, were I to act  
otherwise - On the other hand, my long,  
personal, (and I may safely say / disinterested  
attachment to His Royal Highness, the  
gracious notice, he has constantly honour'd  
me with, and the many favours he has  
so liberally confer'd upon me, and mine -  
must ever bind me to him by the strongest  
of all ties, those of gratitude, independent

