

Col. J. Mc Mahon to

Mr. Ash^{ts}
Mr. Lyell^{ts}.

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Pat. Mack
Tuesday Morning
5th May 1872

Sir,

In the report of the debate of last Night, in the
H. of Commons on Mr Baul's bill, it is stated in most
of this Mornings Papers that in allusion to my Appointment
as Private Secretary to the P. R. and in mentioning my
Name on the occasion, you coupled the epithets of
"Gambler & Spendthrift" so closely to it, that many
of my Friends have read it, with concern, as to be
seemingly intended for me, although, I readily
confess, Sir, that with the consciousness of having never
either gambled, or being rich enough in my Life to be
extravagant, I could not possibly take the Application
to myself, for those who have best known the Habits
of my Life, can fully bear me out, that I never
had

any transaction in the World which could give room
for either Imputation. I know too Well, Sir, to
presume the questioning of any Gentleman's conduct
on allow'd Public Grounds, or even to feel sore on
such, whenever Respect & Deference, is shown to
Personal feelings, & I feel that no Man can have
more to acknowledge on this Score, than I have
reason to do for those considerations which have (with
this single exception) so invariably observ'd towards
me on the several occasions wherein my Name has
been brought forward this Session of Parliament,
in that House. I have no doubt, Sir, that upon calm
reflection of those Words, so used, you will at one period
how they may be attended with essential prejudice
to me, & that you must readily acknowledge they
cannot belong to my Character. In this persuasion
Sir, I will not doubt for a moment that as a Man
of Honor & Spirit, you must feel for my Situation &
take ^{such} immediate Steps as shall remove the ^{unjust} &
misapprehensions on this Subject. I have the Honor to be
Sir