

Sr J. Cradock to Col. Mc Mahon

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Private

Government House
Cape Town,
June 4th 1812.

My dear Mr. Mahon.

We have Intelligence here to
the 7th March, so we have some materials
to reflect upon - which interesting Events
seem to surround us on all sides! If my
humble opinion is worth any thing, I much
relish expressing, that my best Friend
appears to have acted in all he has done,
as under Divine Direction - His Task will
not cease to be arduous, & I pray, that the
same Providence may send down His -

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The letters to the Lord Grey & Grenville was
of the highest judgment & feeling.

— My dear Friend, you may be
assured - that I read the Debates about
you with an Interest, not to be exceeded in
the course of a brother - you speak up
every thing, that a devoted Friend could
wish to read -

— As all remains as well
as possible & every thing seems to go on
right - I make myself as useful, as I can,
& freely give my opinion to the Ministers,
if they choose - that this should be the
great plan the night - The French word
considers this as a King down - but perhaps,

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It may be politic to keep the door, till the
Colony is fairly our own - but in the mean
time, we are losing the attachment of
the Aborigines, & if once they are to
think, that they may become French,
we shall be faithful to the English -
declare the an English Colony, & they are
ours to a man -

again by Genl. Mc Mahon. Let
me repeat - that my situation, in every respect,
is such, equal to the warmest wishes of the first
men, perhaps in the State - but, I would give the
up with pleasure to find myself in action,
with a decided prospect to my high duties,
& that I have no other object - Will you take

an opportunity to say how much I feel his
goodness in the appointment of General Beaulieu -
give my best regards to Blossfield - if
you have a perfectly divine moment - do
write him a line -

and believe me
how your heart speaks
& obliged friend

Wendell

Be here again at this moment - power
under Secretary to Mr. Taylor - he has been
very ill - but is well again - he like his
mother - he & your brother, J. J., dined with me
yesterday - he is a very fine young man -

Wm. J. Cabot

9. June 1812