

Duke of Northumberland

20. July 1812

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Alnwick Castle 28th July 1812.

My Dear Colonel

I would not sooner trouble you with any answer to your letter of the 20th, being convinced that your time must be much occupied just at the close of the Session. I feel most sensibly H: R: H: 's good rep, in appreciating, as he is pleased to do, the very little service I have ^{been} able to do Him. My attachment to Him however is such, that whatever is in my power, shall certainly be exerted in His service. I have lived long in the World, & my military Character has made me from my youth, mix much with Persons of almost all the Parts of the World, and of every Rank in life, & if H: R: H: stand on any Occasion require the Experience I have thus acquired can be of any Advantage to Him, I beg He will command my Services. I wish most sincerely my duties would permit me to be of more essential Use to Him.

I shall really be happy in procuring the Hall for Mr. Bethell. Exclusive of the great Care he took in the proper Education of my two Sons, he is a Person of the most respectable Character, and whose superior Abilities, as a Classical Scholar, were universally allowed, both during the

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time he was at Eton, & at the University.

I most sincerely wish H: R: H: may carry into Execution
His Intention of writing to the Prince Regent of Portugal. The
good consequences it will produce are incalculable. I will venture
to say no Prince is more sincerely attached to this Country, than
the Prince of Brazil, and, like our own Prince Regent, the
Goodness of his Heart, is unbounded.

I hope your Visit to Cheltenham will be attended with
the same beneficial Effect this year as usual. I shall be happy
to learn how you do, during your Continuance there.

I most desire you to present the assurances of my Dutiful
Attachment to H: R: H:.

The Duchess, & my family, as well as myself, offer our
best Wishes & Compliments to you and M^{rs} Macnab.

I have the pleasure to be, with the most sincere

Regards,
By your Obedient

Your ever faithful Friend
Northumberland.