

W. Adams to Col. Mc Mahon

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My Dear Friend.

I have passed a sad and anxious  
time since I wrote to you. My Daughter  
the object of my strongest affection, in this  
world, has been making a painful tedious  
Recovery - When she is free from suffering  
she is serene and cheerful, & talks of our  
still having some pleasant days before  
my departure - and then with heavy hearts  
& cheerful countenances - we have to  
depart, knowing, that as soon as her  
health will permit, we must dash  
her joy by telling her that her earliest  
& dearest friend who had become her  
sister is no more.

I have had my  
struggles

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Struggles - But this requires as  
much fortitude & more self command  
than any that has ever occurred to  
me.

I know the kindness of your  
nature well, & I have such proofs  
of your attachment that I  
feel I may, without intrusion  
draw you to these domestic  
disputes - But I do not take  
this course entirely without reason  
for I have this morning, from a Howard  
Quarter, but not one of much fountain  
head intelligence, rec'd a letter that  
speaks

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Speaks with certainty of Disposition  
in the beginning of next month -

You know how much this  
impacts me professionally - and as  
You may be sure of my Secrecy  
You will I am sure <sup>have</sup> the goodness  
to give me information to regulate  
my own conduct.

I am driven into an extreme  
dilemma - for my Domestic Dis-  
tress has prevented me from  
doing one act, yet, in the important  
worldly concerns which prosper  
me

me to Scotland - And I shall hardly  
know how to decide between them  
& my attendance in Town in case of  
dissolution. In either way I must  
be a great Prisoner - And  
you, who know, in confidence, all  
about me, know that that will  
not be convenient -

I am you have been getting what  
I sincerely wish, <sup>you</sup> health & amusement  
at Cheltenham. I do trust you have  
succeeded -

Take an opportunity with the  
most profound respect on my part  
of presenting my most hearty  
duty and assurances of service

Attendant

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Attachment to the Power Regent.  
Of His Royal Highness the  
Duke of York about Frederick will  
you say that after the first Boat  
of Gouin (which nearly un-manned  
him) was over - He has had Forti-  
fide to proceed on the Expedition  
under Maitland - Having properly  
disposed every thing for his Child &  
his own return. His letters display  
the strongest Integritie with the most Manly  
Mind Struggling to do His duty - Indeed  
He was lost one of the most amiable  
& delightful Persons in all the world -  
that we lived. Yours very affectionately  
with great Truth & regard  
W. Adams

*[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*

*Mr. Down*

*14<sup>th</sup> April 1812.*