

Chas. Fox. Crespiigny to Col. McClellan -

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Aldershot, Portsmouth  
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Dear Sir

Having heard of your return to town  
I lose no time in writing to you as I promis-  
ed on the subject on which you spoke to my bro-  
ther at the Otterham - To you who are ac-  
quainted with the proofs <sup>which</sup> I have given of it  
I need not make any protestation of the  
very sincere wish I feel to have it in my  
power to support the Prince Regent's ministry  
- a disposition which I would have great  
additional pleasure in indulging on account  
of its allowing me at the same time to meet  
any wish of yours. - But my dear Sir  
the fact is that every application  
which I have had occasion to make  
to Ministers (& I have made several  
tho' Mr C. is but not) has been treated

with such a marked unwillingness to  
oblige me in any instance that I consider  
it a paramount Duty to myself no longer  
to intrude myself among their adherents.

I accordingly feel myself under the ne-  
cessity of forming a connexion with the  
Duke of Devonshire or the Marquis of  
Lancdown both of whom I have rea-  
son to know are desirous of having  
the disposal of my influence at the next  
general election on any terms I choose to fix  
I will however defer making any conclusive  
engagement with either of them until I  
hear from you, if it will be convenient  
to you to favor me with a line by return of post  
Believe me, Dear Sir, very sincerely yours,  
Charles Fox Corisfigue