

Sir R. Barclay

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Rock office 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 1812

My Dear Friend,

I was not so fortunately aware as I am at this Hour that my Friend Mr Gerard DeVisme was in fact one of the Body of Ruspia Merchants, whose vote on Friday would in no case go farther than the appointment of their Agent in Ruspia -

Mr DeVismes kind letter inclosed explains the matter fully as it now stands. —

If therefore I should be so fortunate as to secure the appointment of Consul General through H.R.H.'s most gracious protection (which as you will perceive by Mr DeVismes Letter solely rests in the breast of H.Majesty) the Ruspia Court would naturally follow it up by their nomination in my Person as Agent; and the more so, because it is likely, there will be considerable opposition in the Court on Friday to the Party intended to be proposed as Agent, subject to the approbation of the Prince Regent for the Character of Consul General :

Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> John McMahon &c &c



If by good Fortune the Russia Court on Friday should  
defer their Resolutions as to this appointment of Agent,  
I shall have then time to make good my Interest  
with several of the most respectable Characters which  
form that Body.

I am ever My Dear Friend

Your most faithful & obliged  
Robert Barclay.

Perhaps you think proper to lay the inclosed Letter  
before Lord Castlereagh.