

Sir Mark Hood to Col. Maclean

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My dear Colonel

I received the inclosed yesterday afternoon from Lord Sid. M., which speaks for itself. I am gratified to learn from you, that my Letter to Lord S. was approved of. Not only yourself but an illustrious Person, who sees for the State of the business. He Absolute necessity of acting with the greatest Caution and Circumspection - to prevent the Construction - which both S. and E. will otherwise be a certainty - put upon it - of a previous Arrangement. This becomes fully more necessary for the honor of a certain Personage than ever before; and after this shall have been fully called to the Attention of an illustrious Person. my duty is only to obey. The return of Gallon to be Sir Mark Wood's and Mr. Congreve's. The earlier I am placed there, where the better for us all - so that honor be safe. I hope you prevailed upon a certain Personage to send my letter to S. Lord S. answers you can return when we meet in soon. The Election is tomorrow - whoever is through you recommended to succeed me depend upon it - shall be sealed without one farther opportunity - I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in the course of a day or two

Believe me My dear Colonel
Rypts. Hobbs
Col. M. Maclean
to

very faithfully yours
M Wood

