

Cec. Canning to Col. Kebleton

A.A. No. 178

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Liverpool

Saturday Oct. 17. 1812

Private

My Dear Sir,

The friendly interest which you are kind enough to take in what concerns me, must be my apology (as it is my inducement) for troubling you, among the first & most friends, with the intelligence of my success at this Place.

It has been complete, & flattering beyond my most sanguine expectations.

I hesitated (as perhaps you know) to accept the invitation which was sent ^{to me,} by
Mr. Hon. Genl. Kebleton.

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first on account of the expense - which I
dared not encounter, & secondly because I
felt it almost ridiculous to suffer myself
to be proposed to a Town in which I had not
a single personal acquaintance. The
first of these objections was presently removed.
The second was overcome by the assurances
which I received from the leading persons
of Liverpool - and I must say that these
assurances have been realized to a degree
that even now I can hardly believe, much
less account for. After a contest of

8 days I was placed yesterday by a
majority of 500 above my antagonist
Mr Mowbray & by about 100 above my
colleague General Gascogne. And scarcely

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any support has been tendered to me without
being accompanied with an intimation that
I may rely upon it, as long as I choose
to represent Liverpool. The numbers
at the final close of the Poll were

Car. 1631

Cree. 1532

Sharp. 1131

Cree. 1060 -

Taylor declined early & had but 10 or 11 votes.

My friends are in general safe in
their returns to Parliament. Three only have
failed ~~perhaps~~ Dent, Lord Binning, & Taylor.
But I am returned ^{as he returned} for two places besides ~~the~~
Liverpool - so that I shall be able nearly to
replace my old number; & I have had the
satisfaction of being appointed of support in
new quarters, where I had no title to expect it.

If therefore the Government intended the
Diplomatic (as they do not scruple
to avow they did) against me - they are
as great bunglers in their miserable home
politics - as they have shown themselves
abroad; in their vigorous war measures
against America for instance & their wise,
well-timed, but most circumspect & deliberate
Swedish Expedition. But though I have
not suffered by their good intentions, you
may when I do not the less gratefully
acknowledge them.

Yours very truly
Yours most sincerely
& faithfully

Geo. Canning

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I do not thank you,
because I hope you are
returned to Parliament though
I have seen your return contradicted.

If you are kind enough to acknowledge the receipt of this, you
will find me here for the next ten days: as I am obliged to wait for a fortnight
before which they propose giving to me.