

J. Perry to Col. MacMahon

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Trinity House 9 Nov. 1812

My dear Sir

On my return home last night, I was favoured with your obliging letter. I trust you will believe that it never entered into my mind to make use of the knowledge I possess in regard to the delicate investigations (coming to me as it did confidentially) without your express permission. Indeed I felt myself committed against all mention of what I knew previously, unless the discussion should be taken up by others; in which case I am sure you would relieve me from all difficulty on the subject. The accurate perusal of the whole case serves to

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conform me in the opinion I had formed from
 early knowledge of the particulars, that his
 royal Highness has it at all times in his power
 to vindicate his own proceedings, and to settle
 the public judgement upon the point of
 the Princeps' conduct. It rests of course with him
 to decide on the proper time to make the case
 known, and until that time shall arrive,
 you may depend on my silence.

In respect of other matters you are well
 aware of my long and ardent wishes for his
 royal Highness' popularity; but you must be
 sensible that I cannot wholly abstain from
 animadversion on such matters as I think
 calculated to affect the country; but it is only
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connected with the public interests of the realm
that I have anything to do; and I should feel
the most sensible gratification in having to
hail his return to the sentiments that made
me devoted to his service, with the most
disinterested feeling, for thirty years of my
life.

Permit me to express to you the grateful
sense which I have of your confidence, and my
conviction of the integrity with which in
your faithful attachment to his royal Majesty,
you have constantly exerted yourself to promote
his true honour and secure his happiness.

I have the honour to be

My dear Sir

Your faithful and obliged Servant

J. Perry

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