

Col. Tecumseh to A.R.H.

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Carlton House  
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Mr.

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The enclosed very confidential Letter from Mr.  
Houston, I think it right to lose notice in having written  
to your Royal Highness's particular & immediate  
Information, as besides the Secrecy enjoined for the  
reasons it affords, I have held it absolutely necessary to  
preserve it from the Knowledge of Lord Moira, lest from  
the View he might take of the Govern<sup>r</sup>'s in Chief's Salary  
being withheld by the parsimonious arrangement of  
Lord Buckinghamshire, together with the not thoroughly  
digested feelings of Lady L. on the entire subject,

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Unreasonable a measure, looking to so many beneficial  
Consequences from it, should after all G. R. & Co's  
Labours in bringing <sup>it</sup> so near to Maturity & Accomplishment,  
~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> a moment dashed down, & frustrated, & which  
I fear might be the Case if those proceedings were to  
come to their Knowledge. The whole Difficulty seems  
to arise from a Service on the part of Lord Buckinghamshire  
to protect the Personal Interest of Sir Geo. Nugent (who  
was A. D. C. to the Margress of Buckingham, when  
his Lordship was Chief Secretary to him at the same  
time in Ireland) for as it is not denied that Lord  
Konia is to have both the Name, & Powers of General  
in Chief, a Lieutenant General, Commanding the  
Army under him, would at once do away every  
objection on the score of pecuniary Expenditure

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the Company, supporting the Company to refuse making up  
the inconsiderable difference between such a Staff  
situation & Sir G. Nugent's present Pay. I apprehend  
Sir, it will be very material that before next Wednesday  
Lord Buckinghamshire should be apprised by Y. R.  
Mr. Viscount Liverpool, & by whatever mode you shall  
think proper, (such as your Commands to me, in a  
Letter ostensible for Lord Liverpool, should it be your  
pleasure, at the same time returning me Thornton's  
Letter for my Guidance) that Y. R. Mr. expects the  
Government, & Board of Control, will give all their  
Weight to this Question at the India House on  
that Day, for at present I understand the Control has  
a positive Ascendancy, if chosen to be created, of 16  
out of the 24 India Directors. Lord Ch. & Lady F. knowing  
nothing of all this, continue in high Spirits, & pursuing  
their

preparations for India: He wrote fully yesterday to  
the Duke, & thinks well of it. I have seen Sheridan  
this evening, & was sorry to find that his boasted security  
appears to have turned out as I feared, very visionary, for  
the last night got notice that two of his creditors had  
disclaimed any further forbearance while he remained out  
of Parliament, & he sets off to night for Hampshire. There  
is nothing stirring worth observation, & everything  
continues right & comfortable. I shall see Lowther  
again to-morrow & intended also to put myself in the  
way of I & D. but understanding that Sir I. D. had  
written to J. R. H., I thought it might be better to pause  
until I heard further.

Your Royal Highness's  
Affectionate Servant.

J. H. Mordaunt

The Prince Regent.