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Carton House
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Mr.

Doyle with the Box containing the
various Papers bearing Your Royal Highness's
Signature arrived safely, & in good time this
morning. In obedience to the most kind &
gracious Letter which I had the Honor & Happiness to
receive from Y. R. Hs, I have waited upon and
seen both Lords Liverpool & Buckinghamshire, &
have distinctly explained to each the precise
Conditions on which the Governor Generalship, &
Commander

in Chief of India, had been proffer'd to Lord
 Moira, & that it was a sine qua non expectation
 in G. R. H's mind that those Conditions should be
 strictly fulfill'd, by their jointly obtaining the Consent
 & ratification of the Court of Directors on the Question
 to this Effect, standing for Wednesday next. They
 both pleaded that in their respective Interviews
 with Lord Moira, he had only ask'd to have
 the same Appointment, & Powers, which Lord
 Cornwallis possess'd there, & that Lord Cornwallis
 had left the Military Salary with General Lake
 & that whether Sir G. Nugent should be recall'd or
 not, or to remain in a lesser gradation of Command
 under Lord Moira, the Salary & allowances of

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Noira would thereby in no shape alter & that Lord
 Noira had not ever convers'd with either of them on
 the subject of Salary, & only on the Powers which were to
 belong to them, & in those they were perfectly agreed. I
 merely observ'd that the act of Lord Cornwallis in
 generously giving up the Salary of Comd. in Chief to
 Lord Lake, they must please to recollect, was an act
 of his own free Will, & might have personal
 motives for it's great & laudable, whereas it would now
 become a stipulated condition, strip'd of any such
 incentive. Lords Liverpool, & Buckinghamshire were
 however to consult over the matter again this
 evening. I have since seen R. Thornton, & have
 agreed with him (to prevent the appearance of
 any failure in the Appointment in the eye of the
 Public) not to postpone the Ballot on Wednesday
 next,

with a view to his adjustment, but to carry at once
the appointment of Lord Moira to be Governor, General
& Command in Chief, & to let the salary of the latter be
paid after J. R. Pitt's return to town, when as
Grouven rightly observes, they will move you, Sir, to
elevate Lord Minto to an Earlship, & then it will be
entirely in your pleasure in the granting the one, to
Command the other point, should you think proper.
I have deemed it advisable to say nothing to Lord
M., until his appointment is irrevocably concluded.

This has been a day of such violent & incessant
rain, & I have been so occupied in the above
transaction that I have not been able to see Lowther
since his interview with Sir J. D. nor has he written to me
this evening as I expected. Neither have I seen L. M. but
tomorrow I will write more fully, & in the mean while
leave nothing unattended to, & at present at all, thank
God is quite right.

The Prince Regent.

Your Royal Highness's
Affectionate Servant.

J. M. Mackenzie