

C. Arbuthnot to Col. Keogh  
7 May 1812

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Confidential

Downing Street  
Friday

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My Dear Mr. Keogh

I brought with me from the  
Levee Long & Manners Ladies.

They were both loud in their  
praises of the Prince, I said that  
no Human Being ever showed more  
firmness than he has done -

I do think it most cruel towards  
His Royal Highness that some means  
should not be devised to save him  
from the wrath of the Opposition -

I see but one way of doing this,  
 viz; the persuading Lord Wellesley to  
 transfer with cordiality the Commission  
 to Lord Moira - Many of the best  
 of the Prince's present servants would  
 serve in an Administration formed  
 by Lord Moira; but they all feel it  
 a point of honour to act differently  
 with regard to Lord Wellesley -  
 It will however be difficult to per-  
 suade L<sup>d</sup> Wellesley to give up the  
 Commission to Lord Moira, thinking  
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that his honour is committed not  
to do it. This I can tell you  
confidentially I got from Pole,  
who feels as his Brother does, &  
this I sh<sup>d</sup> have mentioned to His  
R. Highness, had it been possible  
to have done it at the levee —

were it not for this circumstance  
an arrangement might be made,  
& Lord Liverpool might be brought  
into the Cabinet after the Catholic  
question had been disposed of —  
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I am not imagining that what  
I am writing can be worthy of His  
R. Highness's notice, but this leaves  
to your Consideration - I had yes-  
-terday some conversation with Lord  
Liverpool which proved to me  
that he finds himself so committed  
upon the Catholic question as to  
make him feel that he had better  
be out of the Gov<sup>t</sup>, & this it is  
w<sup>ch</sup> has given me an idea that  
he might be brought in after that  
question has been considered -

Y<sup>r</sup> most truly Obedient