

Wd. Kaurā to Col. Mackenzie

A.A. No. 408

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Col. Mackenzie, Calcutta March 6
1814.

The long, very long, expected ship from
England brought us little satisfactory
insight into our situation. That a Charter
would be proposed we well knew, & could
readily anticipate the terms. Therefore
the simple affair that the Company
had a new lease was nothing. All the
collateral points which should have at-
-tended that information, & which were
really interesting, have been overlooked.

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There was not any letter from you. Most pro-
 - bably you waited for another opportunity,
 but it is right that I should mention it,
 lest you may have written, in which case
 you ought to learn that the letter has
 not come to hand. The Prince having
 deigned to refer to a friend of mine a
 report that he had spoken unkindly of me,
 His Highness might justly expect that
 the rumor would reach me; so that it is
 much better to speak to the matter frankly.

Ed. Mearns to Col. McKeanow

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In the first place, no degree of circumstan-
tiality would make me credit such a tale.
Secondly, and I have believed that the
Prince ever did use such language respect-
ing me, it would not have made the
slightest impression on my mind. He has
been in the hands of men to whom any
sort of probity is a thing unknown.
Tho' I have never had any hostility toward
them, they never can forgive my per-
fect knowledge of their characters.

and, too spacious to address against me any
broad charge which they were aware the
Prince would combat, it is natural enough
for them with light & dexterous insinua-
-tions to attempt indisposing him towards
me in those easy moments when they had
not to fear his scrutinizing their hearts.
If under such a transient influence
the Prince had said any thing inconsistent
with his former goodness, it would have
altered nothing in my sentiments. It was

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said in other time "I appeal from Philip
dunk to Philip who". I should have
said, "I appeal from by Prince misled
to by Prince himself again". but I should
have had the most tranquil confidence
in the result of his reflection. but
I repeat, I do not believe one word
of the story. Mr Coghlan has written
to be in opinion but he should be thought
to have claimed a recommendation from

me with you without its having had exist-
 -ence. Now, my dear friend, most assuredly
 I did mention him to you, because I
 remember at the same time to have
 told you in secret how keenly he had
 been fighting the Prince's battle with
 the masses.

There is a Mr F. C. Smith whom
 you ranked on the Prince's list as one
 for whom W. L. G. was really interested.
 I have promoted him & put him into

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the finest course of Advantage here.
 I fear, however, he will not justify the
 being pushed forward. He is ill adapted
 to the want of the world in a strange
 degree.

I think I told you that
 I had sent Satchell to Cuba,
 to be advanced there, as I had no
 means of transferring him into the
 Civil line here. He is a very good
 & well behaved Lad, so that I am

confident of his enabling me to do well
for him. My dear nephew shall be
benefited as soon as ever his standing
will allow it. He has now all that
he can according to regulation,

For the
Month 6. 1817

written by dear friend. Give
not your names to any person
I believe he was faithfully yours

The Hon. Secy. to the Admiralty
or

Pray think of what
I said about Providence
and your own