

Sr John Doyle to Col. Keckew

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Gov. House Guernsey
25th April 1814

My dearest Friend,

Here I am again safe & sound
in my own Dominions, after having invaded
those of my august Neighbour the King of France.

The Duke of Berry invited me to go in
the Frigate with him, but as I shall no longer
from the higher powers, & an English General being
in his Suite might have given offence, I declined,
but set off next day to visit my Country &

Admiralty, & you know it could be no fault
of mine, if the Wind & Tide should force me
into Chubourg - where I arrived the day after

H. R. Hopkins - But time enough to attend
his Ledge & witness his Triumphant Departure
for Caen in his Way to Paris - He presented

me to all the constituted Authorities as the
Governor of the neighbouring Island & I was
very well received by them and dined &
spent a very pleasant day with the Prefet &
his family - Thus was no part of France

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more favorable to Napoleon than Cherbourg & it was only three hours before the Duke's arrival that the white flag was raised; & therefore his very favorable reception the more unexpected & the more gratifying — There were however some of the town & who did not wear the white cockade & who could scarcely be persuaded of the occurrences at Paris & the Tyrant's downfall.

I have just had a letter from Charles Doyle's Wife at Brighton, mentioning the report of the intended marriage of the Princess Charlotte, and beseeching me to mention to your the name of her son Hastings as a candidate for the place of ~~xxxxx~~ of a Page to her Royal Highness. He is a very pretty little Boy & married; I could not well refuse her as Charles has four of them & is absent in Spain. How far the thing is obtainable I know not, or with whom the selection of the Pages rests — But I should feel much gratified if I could succeed for her. our Illustrious Master was always very gracious to Charles Doyle — I am aware my dear Friend

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That these sort of things are entirely out of your
line, but you possibly ~~will~~ ^{would} be able to find if the thing
were feasible, & what would be the best Channel
to ensure success — They my most affect. regards
to Mrs M. & that you will believe me with
long & most affectionate regards

J Doyle

I have had very gratifying
letters from Bell & Carter
all well —

Mr John Boyle
25. April 1814