

Let. Hon. Bentinck to H.P.A.

A.A. No. 446.

21400 - 1

Let. Hon. Bentinck to the Hon. Secy. of State

Genoa May 10 1814

Sire

It will probably be known  
to your Royal Highness, that Marshal  
Murot has offered me a sword which  
for reasons of a public nature I  
did not feel myself authorized to  
accept -

His Royal Highness  
The Prince Regent

After the painful discussions which  
 had taken place between us - after  
 the very open manner in which I had  
 announced his insincerity and perfidy,  
 I must confess, that this offer, so  
 much at variance from the course  
 that insulted honour would have taken,  
 rather increased than diminished my  
 feelings of disrespect.

My first impulse of disdain engaged  
 me to reject it - But directed to adopt  
 a spirit of conciliation, and after

con  
 to b  
 I m  
 of g  
 acc  
 nea  
 you  
 acci  
 layi  
 feet  
 cult

Ld. Genl. Bentinck to H.P. A.

A.A. No. 446.

21401

such circumstances rendering it desirable  
to call any suspicion of hostile intention,  
I managed all private feeling for the benefit  
of your Royal Highness's service and  
accepted it.

To keep it, Sir, would deeply  
wound my honor - and I trust that  
your Royal Highness will graciously  
deign to grant me the satisfaction of  
laying it at your Royal Highness's  
feet - I shall then have the gratifi-  
cation of thinking that while to the

Best of my humble Judgment I have  
done my duty, I am relieved from all  
personal obligation to Her Majesty - I  
shall on the contrary have the new  
pleasure of feeling discharged the debt,  
which I am proud to owe, of gratitude  
for the many marks of goodness with  
which Your Majesty's Highness has been  
pleas'd to honour me -

I remain,

Sire,

with the deepest sense of respect  
and attachment,

Your Majesty's Highness's most  
devoted servant

W. Kentish