

Ed. H. Hitchcock to Col. McKee

A.A. No. 453

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Phœnix Park

25<sup>th</sup> June 1844

My dear Sir

You some time ago gave  
me reason to expect a visit  
from the Earl of Granard,  
on the subject of the lines  
of policies which his Lordship  
might in future be inclined  
to pursue. I have more



Ld. Hitworth to Col. McKee

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Man once had the pleasure  
of receiving his Lordship's  
note, but without any  
such communication.

He called upon me however  
this morning, and requested  
to know how far I should  
be disposed to forward his  
views, or give effect to any  
recommendation which

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wight receive from home  
for his succeeding to the  
office of Clerk of the  
Parliament, on the death  
of the Earl of Westmeath.

His Lordship gave me  
distinctly reason to suppose  
that such Recommendation  
would come from his Royal  
Highness the Prince Regent.



I should have observed  
that Lord Granard prefaced  
his application, with an  
assurance of his intention  
to give every support in  
his power to the present  
Administration upon all  
points, excepting the  
Catholic Question, which, he  
said he felt himself sorry



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with bound to support,  
altho' from ~~local~~ <sup>local</sup> motives  
rather than from conviction.

I endeavored to frame  
my answer in such a  
manner as might com-  
mend my respect for His  
Royal Highness's commands,  
or rather, as His Royal  
Highness is graciously pleased



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to term them, his Wishes,  
and at the same time  
the anxiety which his  
Government would have  
naturally felt to confer such  
a distinguished mark of  
honour upon a successful  
steady friend.

Such he professed himself

to be; and as such, I told  
him, that I should not  
be disposed to throw any  
difficulties in his way,  
without however binding  
myself to any thing  
specific.

I told his Lordship that  
I should communicate  
the purport of this Con.



Conversation to you, for the  
Information of His Royal  
Highness, which he appeared  
to be very anxious that I  
should do.

I shall be extremely  
happy to hear that His  
Royal Highness has  
suffered no particular



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Inconvenience from the  
very great fatigue which  
he must have undergone  
for some time past.

I confess I cannot help  
enjoying that the visits  
are concluded; the  
visitors must return  
impressed with a deep



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sense of the amiable  
of our Prince and of the  
greatness of the Country;  
but they are always  
abundant with great trouble  
& inconvenience, and  
sometimes worse.

Petitioners to be  
by some his  
Country faithful

Humble servant  
Whitwell



Lord Whitworth

25. June 1814