

Windsor Castle April 5. 1833

The King acknowledges the Receipt
of Viscount Althorp's Letter of yesterday's date
and assures him of the satisfaction which its
Contents have afforded to Him - They clearly
show that Viscount Althorp takes the same
view that His Majesty does of the important
question to which it relates and of the
necessity of preserving to Regimental Courts
Martial the power now vested in them,
and that the main object of his Solicitude
and of his advice is to effect this purpose
by some expedient which shall satisfy the
scruples or the prejudices of those who object
to the present system without having the
means of forming any judgement of its merits
and value, or without taking the trouble
of reducing it to its real value - His
Majesty will readily sanction whatever

may

may tend to quiet these Gentlemen by
sacrificing the Shadow provided the
Substance be retained -

The King cannot conclude without
stating in the most unqualified terms
to Viscount Althorp that so far from being
displeas'd by the free and unreserved
communication of his Sentiments and opinions
on this important Question, His Majesty
feels oblig'd to him for it, as it has been
and continues to be ^{his} Object and Wish to
receive on this and all occasions the frank
expression of the feelings and observations
of the confidential Servants, which
indeed He has never scrupled to Court
by the character of His Intercourse with them.
Any other principle of Conduct would be
little suited to Periods and circumstances
which

call so imperiously for a clear understanding
and union of Purpose between the
Sovereign and His Government -

(Signed) William B.

The King of Denmark
Althorp - April 6. 1833

Mr. Napier's subscription
with the view to purchase
titles of the proposed
edition on the printing
press