

Major John Mackay to the Hon. Southampton

July 13 1786

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My Lord

I only came to town last  
night, when I found your Lordship's letter  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant with a Copy of one from  
His Royal Highness to yourself upon  
the Subject of the Dismission for the  
present of most of the Gentlemen  
of his Family. When the Prince of  
Wales did me the honour to give  
me an Appointment in his Family,  
I considered it then as I do now  
the greatest that could be conferr'd  
upon me; I hope I may therefore

May

be permitted through your Lordship  
 to lay my duty at H. B. H's feet  
 and to express my Regret and  
 Concern for the Occasion which  
 obliges him to make the present  
 Reduction to his Family, and at  
 the same time my most sincere  
 prayer that H. B. H's may soon  
 be enabled to Reassume that  
 Splendour and Dignity to which  
 his Birth and Situation so justly  
 Intitule him

Before I conclude this  
 Letter I beg leave to return your  
 Lordship my grateful and

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and

Unfeigned thanks for your  
goodness and kind attention  
to me, ever since I had the honor  
of being in H. B. H's Family  
I have the Honor to remain  
Your Lordship's Most  
Obedient & Affectionate Servant  
J. M. Mackay

Bowton Street  
13<sup>th</sup> July 1786

My dear Mother  
July 23 1866