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Prestalrig near Edinburgh
19th Feb^{ry} 93 —

My Dear Payne

I would not annoy you

with a letter shot at you from the far End of the World, if
we were not anxious in these unquiet times of jumbled Parties & of
menacing appearances, that my sentiments & mode of conduct should
be fully known to those whom I love & value — Immediately on
hearing that the outrageous aggressions of the French had induced
His Majesty to prepare for War I felt it to be my duty to make offer
of any military exertions in my power — Being determined that while
I live, (barring the goat & wooden legs,) no individual shall be
more zealous to come forward on every occasion of disturbance for
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service of the King & defence of the Constitution against all foreign
& domestic Enemies - You are well acquainted with the
sentiments & impressions under which I entered into the association for
obtaining a Reform in Parliament. I certainly did conceive that by
proper measures in quiet times, some of those incidental imperfections
which exposed this happy & admirable Government to the
dissatisfaction of the Lower orders of the Community might have
been removed, thereby preventing the dissemination of those desperate
doctrines of democracy & subversion which has been effected
with such wicked industry - & giving thereby additional security
to the Crown & new Energy to the Establishment under which
we live - I am ready to allow that those who so openly
influence the Deputies & Excite the Disturbance of the Country
deserve La Courde - At present however I am sure
that

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there are but two Divisions of Men in this
Kingdom - Those who will hazard their existence in defence
of the King & Constitution & those who with the Diabolical
Spirit of a Jacobine & with the hands of an assassin would
overturn the Government of this Country - And involve
England in the Anarchy & horrors which have rendered
the name of Frenchman odious & disgraceful to every
well regulated mind - I need not assure you of the sentiments
of unalterable Attachment & adherence which bind me to the
Service of The Prince of Wales. Although it would be impertinent
to wish that His Royal Highness should be intruded on with the
Declarations of Individuals, yet in the present State of Things I
confess my Anxiety that The Prince should not be uninformed of
these Sentiments & Principles of Conduct which never can leave
me but with Life - Adieu My Dear Payne & believe me
always most affectionately yours
W. Fullarton

Colonel Bullarton

19th Feb 1793.

From Col: Bullarton