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The Earl of Moira
to
The Prince of Wales
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Sir

In obedience to your Royal Highness's desire, I yesterday took the liberty of conversing with the Duke of Clarence on the subject of the political line which he has adopted. It was with unfeigned gratification that I heard him thro' the whole of the discussion express the warmest affection for your Royal Highness, & the greatest anxiety to stand well in the sentiments of their Majesties. With respect to the Ministers, H. R. Highness detailed with acute sensibility the continued slights which he had received. Some of them, indeed, appear singular.

When a Ship was named for H.R.H., he stated to Mr Hopean the impossibility of his hoisting his Flag unless he were enabled to fit himself as Hopean asked him what sum he thought requisite for the purpose. The Duke replied that the other was more able to judge, & desired his opinion. Hopean said it could not demand less than £4000. This sum was accordingly asked for, & it was decidedly refused. Now, Sir, £4000 is a sum so imperceptible in the Navy Extraordinaries that nothing but a disinclination to show attention could have produced the refusal. The Duke, from this & similar notifications, retains great asperity towards Administration. Your Royal Highness will feel that I was an awkward person to employ in softening that senti-

-ment: since I myself must at the Meeting of
Parliament throw away the scabbard in arraigning
Ministers for a course of conduct which I think
most dangerous to the interests of Your Royal
Family & of every person of property in this Coun-
-try. I represented, however, very earnestly the
peculiar delicacy of the Duke's situation; &
I trust I represented it with effect. H.R.H. pro-
-mised he would not give his Proxy to Ld Lauder-
-dale; adding, that, when he talked of it, it
was with the view to have it used only on
the question of the War. The Duke likewise
said he would abstain from any of those strong
Motions which he had in contemplation: But
that he would not bind himself not to vote if

any question originated with another which ex-
-pressed his sentiments of the present Admin-
-tration. Moreover, he would not engage to refrain
from conversing them in private conversation,
because he was sure he could not keep such
a promise. Finally, H.R.H. said he was ready to
wave such it be put upon terms any way de-
-cent; which he explained by saying, that the
being sent out Sixth or Seventh in Command
in the Channel Fleet, or on any mission obviously
contrived for the sole purpose of keeping him
out of the way, would not be a situation becom-
-ing a Son of His Majesty's who had seen a
considerable share of actual service.

I am sensible, Sir, that all this is not com-
-pletely satisfactory: But it is a considerable

point gained that the Duke should testify such disposition to accommodate himself to the wishes of Your Royal Highness; and Your kindness & judgement, Sir, will do the rest. Particular circumstances prevented my writing before the Levee. Having been accidentally detained very late at St James's, I have to entreat Your Royal Highness's pardon for the haste in which this is written: but I have the Honor to remain, Sir, with profound respect

Your Royal Highness's most devoted & grateful Servant

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H. R. H.
The Prince of Wales.