

Ld. Keith to H.P.M.

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London July 19th 1797

Sir

Late last night I received the enclosed
from Mr Dundas and replied that I
had other matters to state but
should wait your farther com-
mands

I am sorry this affair seems
to take a bad turn but finding
Mr Pitt has not returned me
Mr Cunliffe's letter I am bid

to imagine they are taking more
time to think of all its extent
Let me therefore request your Royal
Highness to exact an extreme degree
of temper at so very delicate a mom-
ent as this appears to me these
continuous much conversation of
wanting money which distracts
the Ministers much

I have the honor
to be with true respect
Your Royal Highness

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Most Obedient and Obedient

Leith's Servant

Keith

L. J. K. M.

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My Lord.

Your note desiring to see
me arrived at a time when
from severe indisposition I
was unable to see you.

By a communication of
papers by Mr Pitt and a
message I have ^{since} received
from you by Mr Gascoigne,
I learn that the object
of your interview is the
Government and affairs of
Ireland. Upon reflexion

your Lordship must be
satisfied that in My Pub:
lick situation there are
subjects I do not feel my
self at liberty to discuss
with any but His Majesty
when he calls upon me
for that purpose, or with
his other Confidential Ser
vants when the Minister
of that Department brings

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any Point under our Joint
consideration. In a private
capacity I feel my Reluc:
tance to the Interview you
propose equally forcible. I
have at some Intervals
of my life been led to
suppose that I possessed some
Share of the confidence
of His Royal Highness
the Prince of Wales, and
when under those Circum

stances His Royal Highness
has at any time done me
the honour to confide his opinions, or
writes to me, I have the
heartfelt satisfaction to
reflect that I have invari-
ably given him my honest
and conscientious opinion. I
wish I could add that my
doing so had increased the
Princes regard for or confidence
in me. I have experienced

the Reverence in a very mark:
ed degree, and therefore
I must with all humili-
ty request your Lordship
to lay me at His Royal
Highness's feet, and to ex-
press my hopes that you
may not be desired to press
the interview you have
proposed, for I am satisfi-
ed it cannot lead to any
good consequence.

I have the honour to
be, with great respect,
your Lordships
most obedient and
faithful servant.
Henry Dundas