

Ld. Maura to H.R.D. -

The Earl of Maura

to

The Prince of Wales

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The Duke has told me all that
Your Royal Highness said upon matters
that he mentioned to you. The propositions
that were made to me were at once treat-
ed by me as proceeding entirely on a
wrong ground. A particular arrangement
which I talked over with the Duke was
imagined solely on the presumption that

it might be grateful to your Royal
Highness; and your sentiment was to
have been asked before any hint should
be let drop to the person. In fact, in
every thing relative to this business is
so loose that I do not see any proba-
-bility of its coming to any conclusion
in time to be of real use. I am sorry
to say that public difficulties, & the

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Dis-satisfaction of the Country, gain ground
with such formidable rapidity that it
will soon be scarcely possible to stem
the tide of mischief. Your indulgence,
Sir, must excuse the hasty manner in
which this is written: for I have come
home so late that I am doubtful whe-
ther I shall see the Post. No course
of events can happen that shall not

justify the persuasion which you have
deigned to express of the true attach-
ment with which I venture to subscribe
myself Your Royal Highness

Most obliged &

most devoted servant

Marina

H. H. H.

The Prince of Wales.