

Ld. Moira to H.R.H.

The Earl of Moira

to

The Prince of Wales

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The King authorises my expressing
 you your Royal Highness with a few lines for
 your goodness will allow me the gratification
 of expressing my most fervent wishes for very very
 many years to you attended with all the Health
 the Comfort & the glory that Heaven can be-
 stow. There is a deservement upon the occasi-
 on here. It is with the highest pleasure I have
 found that the discontents which prevail have

not diminished the warm attachment of the people in
of this Country to your Royal Highness's person. In
amidst all their imitation under the violence of
Government, which Incendiaries actively represent
to them as the system of England to cut down the
prosperity of this Kingdom, you remain individ-
ually as popular as ever with all Classes. I am
sorry to tell your Royal Highness on the other
hand, that even this predilection for you will
not long be able to counterbalance the growing
animosity against England if the principle you
which Government now acts shall be persevered

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in. It is the boast of the Administration here
that the refractory disposition of the Country is
ended. Repressed it undoubtedly is for the moment.
But it is so far from being cured that the mea-
sures now in operation have a direct tendency to
augment, & do clearly augment, the mischief. The
danger to which I have looked has never been a
petty insurrection but a general estrangement
of the minds of this Nation from connection with
Britain. The oppression exercised on the bulk of
the People is savage & insulting beyond what Your
Royal Highness can suspect. Because it is literal-
ly a fact that the Printers dare not publish the

details, even when they are sent authenticated by persons
of the greatest respectability. The Irish employed in the
Cause, to avoid the odium of prosecuting their private
interests at the expense of their Countrymen, always
represent their outrages as severities necessary to se-
-cure connection with England, or as measures dicta-
-ted by the British Cabinet. England, therefore, appears
to the sufferers as the source whence all their misery
flows: had it is the magnitude of the military force,
which within England or this Country will long be able
to pay, that alone prevents the consequences from
being fatal. I pray devoutly that I may decide
myself in this view of Irish Affairs: I am sure I do not
in the unalterable attachment with which I remain
Your Royal Highness's most obliged