

The Earl of Moira
to
The Prince of Wales

July 22^d. 1790.

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Salina, July 22^d. 1790.

Your Royal Highness has heard
from Sir Michael Corrie every particular
that has taken place, which satisfied me
under the necessity of delaying to write to you.

The curiosity of the Post Office was certain for
a day or two after the Debate: Therefore I
thought it better to forbear until a letter
might have a better chance of escaping.

Every thing has gone off according to my wish.
I have completely defeated the misrepresenta-

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-tion of my having made an attack upon the
Military: I have defied my antagonists to in-
-duce the statement which I made in the
British House, & it has been left uncontra-
-dicted: but I have faced all that violence
which was so intemperately threatened &
so ludicrously abandoned. I have not met
any thing but respect & civility. Would to
God that I could give to Your Royal High-
-ness as favourable an account of Public In-
-terests. I prefer to say that the Country is
in a state of danger far beyond what I

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thought it when I returned to England in
November. There is not, I fear, any doubt but
that the Needs of the Republican Party here
have a constant intercourse with France, &
the Party east of course being ready to
cooperate with any Provision France may
undertake. Circumstances lead me to think
that this Party has increased rapidly of late.
Government, by way of dividing the People,
has countenanced the Orange Men, who pro-
fess their attachment to Monarchy: But the
great object of these Orange Men has been

to expel the Catholics who were equally attached
-ed to Royalty. The religious feud too naturally
entails political difference. As the Catholics
outnumber the others very greatly, & as the major-
-ity in the Militia & regular Regiments is
of that communion, the estrangement is
unfortunate; unless a Civil War upon impro-
-ving terms be a pleasing prospect. I
seriously assure Your Royal Highness that
I have little hope of this Country's escaping
that dreadful calamity many months longer.
Lord Villiers spoke in the Debate in a strain ex-

-cedingly complimentary towards me. He did not, however, say any thing respecting the mis-statement of his words in the News Papers: Which was wise enough, as the mischief prevented by saying something civil in return. Having in private accepted his declaration that he had never used the offensive words, I could not take notice of his failing in an explanation which I had not enjoined he which he had himself spontaneously told forth.

The account of the debate is very incorrect as it now stands in the Papers. What has given me not satisfaction in it, is, that I avoided.

saying any thing that could irritate the public
mind. I have declined all compliments from
the popular party: and on Monday next I purpose
to return to England.

With the truest & the
most affectionate Votye, I remain

Sir

Your Royal Highness,
Most Obedient &

Devoted Servant

Thomas

His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales.