

Col. J. de Mahon to H. R. H.

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London, Feb 28th 1798

Sir,

Agreeable to your Royal Highness's Pleasure
I have Communicated the necessary intimation to The Delegates
from the 1st Regiment of The W. York, & it has been received
with the most Dutiful satisfaction. The Address is published &
the purport of the Communication well detail'd, by avoiting
whatever might have a tendency to inflame, in the M: H: &
the O- of this day. The M: H: barely inserts the Address which
is judicious. I have just returned from The Duke of Northumberland

who is highly flattered & pleased with your Royal Highness's
Letter; & which His Grace replied to on Monday Evening.

I return your Royal Highness the Original Letter
which being generally written is suited to any moment
connected

with the occasion which induces it. It is the decided opinion
of The D. of Northumberland (as a Military Man) & Sheridan,
that no improvement can be made to this Letter, unless by altering
the word "Station" & substituting the term "Rank", but, in my
humble opinion, the paragraph which follows leaves no room
to doubt the signification it intends to convey: & if so, it more
strongly implies that handsome delicacy of expression ^{towards} The D. of G.
which is your Royal Highness's meaning. The Parties are
agreed, Sir, that the present, as your Royal Highness, so well
observes, is not the moment it should be written. It is most
humbly recommended that the Letter should be prepared, without
a date, & carried about with your Royal Highness; so that in
future, on the first declaration of Alarm either by Ministers, or
justifiable circumstances, that not an instant should be
lost in transmitting it: and the better that it should
come

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from Your Royal Highness at your Regiment.

Lord Moira having substantiated all his points, by his Challenge for an enquiry being declined, was to sail from Dublin on Monday last, & is probably now on his way to Louington. He writes that the Chancellor has entailed the Complaints of all the Castle folks upon himself, by the strange indiscretion of a speech in which he abused the whole Nation indiscriminately, & spoke of the United Irishmen as much too strong for any regular Government to deal with.

Sheridan intends on Lt. M's return to bring on the Affairs of Ireland in the H. of Commons. He has day after day promised to go down to St. James' Hall, but there is no possibility of fixing him to any point with certainty.

B. D. has just assured me that Your Royal Highness's

conduct on the late occasion along the Coast is the
subject of the greatest admiration throughout Essex:
where the inhabitants are constantly contrasting it
with that of the Generals along theirs. He is acting
exceptionally well in every thing & thank God all
matters are as they should be.

Remain with all Love & Duty
Yours Royal Highness,
Faithful servant.
John W. Norton

John Norton Esq
July 20th 1790.