

George Rose M.P. to Col. McHahon

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Sir

I am assured you with the strictest adherence
to Truth that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales,
when I had the Honor of attending Him by His Command,
with an anxious Wish & Desire that the Scheme proposed
by Him might be found practicable: I lost no Time
in talking with Mr Pitt on the Subject & stating every
Thing that His Royal Highness suggested; — after
considering the whole most attentively Mr Pitt was
decidedly of Opinion he could not further the Purchase
of the late Mr. Pemberton's House, even for the Purpose
intended, in the Manner proposed; — and on another
Conversation with Mr Pitt Yesterday (having had several

before) he expressed himself distinctly against the possibility
of applying to Parliament at present —

It is a Matter of deep & sincere Grief to me that in
the first Instance in which His Royal Highness has
honoured me with his Commands I should entirely fail
in being at all useful; — I wished to be so from the
bottoms of my Heart, which no Consideration should
induce me to say if it was not strictly true. You will
I trust, under these Circumstances, represent me properly
to His Royal Highness; I feel a most un-affected Anxiety
not to suffer in his Opinion; if I should have to undergo
that Misfortune it would be most un-meritedly; and I
am persuaded your Good-Nature will protect me from
Danger of that — His Royal Highness's Absence from Town

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prevented an immediate Access to them, if I am happy in a
further Delay being prevented by an Opportunity of making the
Communication through you —

I never till Yesterday understood anything about the Prince of Wales's
Application respecting the Prolongation of the Lease of the late Market
Linnage House, but I will carry the Papers down with me to
Mr Pitt & endeavor to have that Point settled satisfactorily.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours very faithful Servant
George Me

Old Palace Green

October 25th 1799 —

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a folded piece of paper]

Mr. Rose

Oct. 25. 1792

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