

Ld. Moira to Col. McKeahon

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Livington, 16th
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I am truly sensible, my dear friend, of your kind offer of repairing to London if you could there be useful to us. But, knowing perfectly the sincerity with which you make the proposal, nothing could distress me more than the action of backing in upon that retirement which you so seldom enjoy. I shall wash or rather patch up the business. It has been irregularly publishing, & indeed has

been more vexatious to me than almost any
event that I have ever met. I have per-
fect faith in Browne's probity. I fear, however,
that his embarrassments are very heavy. Tho' I
do not assign him for not having been
explicit with me about them, as I com-
prehend the repugnance of a man to disclose
difficulties which he thinks to be very moment.
When I saw you in Town, I explained to you
that I was willing to provide for his accept-

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any - once on my account without requiring him
to apply the balance which he used to send;
I had made great payments accordingly.
Some bills were discharged before the stoppage
took place. But he now owes me between
six & seven thousand pounds, & you can ea-
sily understand the distress of having those
back upon me the demands which a large
portion of that sum was to answer. He has
not opened me, by letter, that there will be paid to

settle every thing ultimately. At the same time
I learn that the amount of bills floating be-
-tween him & Long is enormous.

Monsieur, with the Duc de Bourbon & four others,
arrived here the day before yesterday. They
to town on Saturday. There was no home
visit of this sort; but it would have been desperate
had they brought their Ladies & fixed their
-abode for a month. Do you think the Prince
will come this winter? Do not speak of him about
it: for I fear that he should think it an enjoy-
-ment, & therefore do what right not be enquiring
his M. best for the sake of the world.

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Mrs McMahon

[faithfully yours]

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