

Ed. Moira to Col. Kekahou

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My Dear General

I have had a piteous  
letter from Surgeon Colbe, telling me that  
he had been arrested, & forced in order to  
get out of that scrape / to part with  
every shilling he possessed at a moment  
when he was under Orders to join his Re-  
giment. As his Commission might be lost  
thro' his inability to pay the expense of

ld.  
the journey, I must help him, tho' I have no  
my good opinion of his prudence at least.  
Not having a bank note to enclose, I have  
written to desire that he will call upon you,  
& let us be that you will give him Ten  
Guineas on my account.

Do you think the Prince likely to come  
hither? I ask solely because that I am  
preventing of Purchases from shooting in  
the country; from which I would not restrain

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them but in the view of preserving the peace  
for the Prince. Do not ask him, but just  
import your own inference from what  
you know of his other plans. There is not  
a creature under a word of news to me. This  
is not a hint to you to write. Because I would  
not be so unceremonial as to lay a tax  
of that nature upon you whose every moment  
is so occupied. It is only by way of explain-  
ing to you a doubt I have about Princes

Soyle. He wishes to join his uncle in the  
hereditary crown. Now, I cannot judge suffi-  
-ciently of the probability that we should  
continue, or of the course events may  
be likely to take, to know how  
for him. When you answer me, therefore  
the Prince, just say shortly what the  
appearance of affairs.

And please  
to write  
12. 10. 1790

Respectfully yours

Lord Bute

Moira

Is my mother's choice gone?