

Mr Holland's Letter
respecting the Stewardship
in the Duchy.

Col. J. Hekahou to H. Holland.

July 1. th 1702.

Bury Street, Saturday Evening.

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Dear Sir,

I am extremely sorry that the ~~business~~
I have had in the Cornish Business should clash with any
^{view} ~~view~~ of yours; because it would afford me considerable
pleasure upon any occasion, to promote & not to mar what
ever object might be pleasing to you. The fact is simply
this. The Duke of Northumberland had solicited from the
Prince, a considerable while since one of those Stewardships
(I am not sufficiently conversant in the Duchy to specify the
precise one) & received in return what he considered tantamount
to a gracious promise. On the recent vacancy, ^{respecting}
His Grace's Agent Mr Wilson requested me to ~~take~~ the
Duke's solicitation ^{to} Mr. R. H. ². It was my duty to
do so, when Mr. R. H. told me that the reply he made
to Admt. Payne, upon his preferring your Application for
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Appointment in question had been "I am always more
desirous & happy to oblige Holland, but from somewhat
what rests on my recollection, you must first see Mr.
Mahon & know from him, whether the D. of Northumber-
land expects ^{reason} it by right of any previous promise or encouragement."

This explanation I gave ^{distinctly} ~~unambiguously~~ to the D. of
Northumberland, who ~~grounded~~ ^{given} upon the faith of the
hope originally ~~held out~~ to him, accepted this
mark of the Prince's favor as a matter that ~~never~~
~~could have been~~ subjected ^{to} ~~to~~ either disappointment
or doubt. & accordingly I gave the name of His
Grace's nominee to Mr. Gray, in order that the promised
appointment should be made out accordingly.

In case the Duke had not rested on what he
deem'd a promise. I am sensible of the earnestness
with which the Prince wish'd to oblige you, & of the desire
which Admt. Payne had to put it into execution.
I am, Sir, Your very sincere & obedt Servt.
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