

Ld. Mavora to Col. McKeown

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Livington, Jan 21st
1803

My dear friend

In the awkward un-
certainty of political matters, I think
it most expedient to defer my journey
to London, because, were I on the spot, a
shuffling right might be carried away
on his pace of words & miles & half
sentences, & right there suppose it re-

- necessary to come to any distinct position. Now, with
 I have been taking pains to bring the business -
 with Edington to a clear understanding. Some time
 ago I wrote to Siray in a manner calculated
 to make him ask an unequivocal
 explanation of what was intended. Because, he
 notwithstanding all the positiveness of ex-
 -pression & circumstantiality of arrangement
 - that existed in your secret letter, I did
 believe Mr Edington was only continuing the

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how, silly trick which he before persuaded him
miss - self was policy; namely that he fancied
some he was talking us of expectations. From Sir
cal - my I got no answer, nor did he ever write
al to me on the subject at the time when
he mentioned it to you. But the next day
any suspicion of Binney's name was did,
a war was, float away my mind. But this
I conceive likely, that he has been unwilling
to confess those doubts which he could not

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not feel of Addington's sincerity, & that he
 has been endeavoring to gain time. In my
 part, I am strongly inclined to put a stop
 to this smirking courtesy at once, & to
 intimate a decided hostility to the
 Administration. I shall, however, it
 for an answer / which ought to come this
 day / to a second letter within 4 or 5
 days.

Lord S. Mordaunt
 Jan 11. 1783.

Believe me faithfully your
 Obedt Servant
 Thomas