

Col. J. McMahon to H. R. A.

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London Aug. 20th 1803.

Sir

I have made a fresh Copy from the Opinion given to the Case that was formerly submitted to Messrs Mansfield & Co, which I have now the honor to enclose Your Royal Highness; because it is not within my recollection that it was ever laid before the King, or even regularly submitted to the Minister at that time. An observation which fell from Tierney when I shew'd him this opinion "Has the King seen it" has suggested to my mind after bestowing all my thoughts on the subject, that in the event of Y. R. H. making your Determination to write another Letter to His Majesty, this Opinion would either prove a powerful Ingredient in such a Letter, or constitute new & good Ground for a fresh One to Mr. Addington. I hint this merely with a View to keeping the business alive,

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during the Receipt, & this at all events must be done by every possible means: at the same time, this Correspondence stands on such perfect & unshakable Ground towards G. R. H. at the present moment, that it certainly requires mature Consideration whether another Step may tend to strengthen, or weaken it; And I own the more my doubt arises on this Question when I recollect that G. R. H. in your Letter to the King, uses these words "Should this Last Appeal to the Justice of My Sovereign, & the Affection of my Father". But presuming that Lord Macclesfield is with G. R. H. I barely throw out the idea for his Judgement.

Still not one word of News.

Believe me Ever, Sir,
Your Royal Highness's
Faithful, Affectionate, & Devoted Servant.

The Prince of Wales.

J. C. Macclesfield

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The Letter yesterday in the M. C. was extraordinary well done, & has had an extreme good Effect. It has Lord Moira's Speech at Leicester.

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Col. the Marquis

to

The Prince of Wales

Aug. 26. 1803

Opinion of Council

as to whether H. R. H.

is competent to hold

certain Rank in the

Army.