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Lader, 30th, 1003.

Sir

Colonel McMahon will detail
to Your Royal Highness a various circum-
stances which has occurred. Respect &
propriety would without any consideration
of policy have led me to receive the ex-
pressions with all due acknowledgment.
But it struck me that it might chance
to promote Your Royal Highness' service
were I to encourage the disposition propo-

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-ed, & at all events no inconvenience could
 flow from it. I think some sense of growing
 difficulties has produced this communication,
 and I shall not be surpris'd if the same
 cause gives rise to similar advances from
 the Ministers. It is, I trust, unnecessary for
 me to say that the mode in which I should
 correspond to any overtures of this nature
 would be guided exactly by your wishes.
 You will signify them to me, Sir, without shock.

Ld. Mavor to H.P.A.

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ad - by them by advantage to any supposed
ing interest of mine. Because I speak literally
ation when I say that there is no object abatto-
me - ever which could stand in the slightest
how degree of comparison with the gratifica-
tion of proving my devotion to you. If
had ever I have been able to persuade myself
that I have been set aside on account of
my attachment to your Royal Highness,
the sentiment has really made the loss of

any possible advantage were nothing to me. And
this is not the cold observance of a fidelity
which I might have prescribed to myself
in return for your kindness. It is a heart-
felt sensation that pays itself; there are
many points in which I know you under-
-stand me as well as I read you, without
explanation on either side, and there is
nothing that proves confidence so much
as that very omission of explanation. You
do not, I can see too, think I either hoped

or wished to evade your perspicacity when
I did not propose to return with you to
Brighton: nor did I for an instant fear
you would misconstrue me, or thereby doubt
the happiness I should have had in paying
my duty there. As far as regarded you, I could
have confessed my excuses with perfect open-
ness of heart; & it was only the inveterate
habit of silence on such topics that
had me then disempowered. This is in itself
an avowal in which I could not feel just

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-fied but for the sincerity & delicacy of your
friendship, tho' in allowing it to myself I
enjoy the privacy to you that my heart
labours when it has the appearance of con-
-solation towards you. You will laugh
at this; but your Honour will approve the
sincerity & will pardon the acknowledgements.
In the confession, I feel myself as safe with you
as if it rested in my own breast. As to public
matters, Colonel M^r M^r can furnish better

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information than I can. My only object in the
letter is to do that which is an indulgence
to myself tho' superfluous to you, to express
the ardent affection & unalterable devotion
with which I remain, Sir,

Your Royal Highness's most
faithful & obliged servant
Mordaunt

H. K. H.

The Prince of Wales.

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Mr Bartolomew

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Mr Prince of Wales

Sept 30. 1003