

Ed. Mair to Col. McMahon

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Edinburgh, Dec 12, 1803.

My Dear friend

I think that in my
last letter I omitted apprising you that
the divided Papers, which I gave to you
the night when I left London, belong to
General Pictou. They shall be sent to
him. I have explained to him that
I was not time to look at them.

I have expressly declared to every body

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know that the publication of the Correspondence
-ence was without the privacy of the Prince
or any one belonging to him. I never dispaired
my regret that the matter had been pushed
after the first refusal by the King. For I saw
the risk of a publicity which I on my side
painful to the Prince notwithstanding all
the advantages he has in the ground. And
as he has been on the subject, his affection
to the King is such that I know he will

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and given at any thing that gets his Majesty,
which I fear this will do bitterly. That the
king consent by this he was estranged to
the Prince & all attached to him than
he was before, I can fully believe. This
unfortunate edict, however, was never met
with any similar sentiment by the Prince
so that I have observed the most kind an-
xiety in the Prince whenever the king
was ill or even mortified, & I therefore

judge his feelings on this occasion. Thank
His Royal Highness for me with all the
earnest devotion which his unvarying friend-
-ship demands, for what he commended
you to say to me. Never did I think for
one moment that there was a tittle of
sacrifice in any predilection or proscript-
-ion which I had entailed upon myself
through profusion of attachment to him: but
had I been more appetent in disposition
than I think I am in conversations on the

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subject would have been just the same. he
will the supposition of any thing of this sort
was in my future day give color to a claim
upon him. I have expressed myself heretofore
to you upon that point sufficiently. When
I can be useful to him he shall command
me to death. But it will be for my own
gratification; and his kindness has not left
him the power of incurring a shadow of
doubt to my adherence. His behavior to
you is wholly like himself; it is heartily

-shows all you say upon it.

Mr. Conroy writes me word that Ogle has paid
to Wilkes & Dickenson the sum which I
paid to the Leicestershire Bank for him
If so, you must get it: for there are £200
to be paid to Harten on the 20th & 1000
on the 25th; which you will furnish us^[t]
of that £2500.

Faithfully yours

Harris

Charles W. Chapman.