

Col. J. McKean to H.R.M.

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London, Jan 3rd 1804

Sir,

I write for the purpose of merely informing your Royal Highness that still no order is gone for your Regt. to march. They must mean either to make the movement on the 14th instant as they profess, or intend to abandon the Design altogether. I saw Mr. Kayne this morning at Mr. Clerk. He is a dark Good Looking young man of I should suppose nearly forty. Is a Solicitor I find, & has been in business for some years in Greek Street. He appears to me to be a sensible, Clever Fellow, with rather too much of the Democratic Taint. "Declares himself actuated by no other motive than a desire to indulge the manly spirit of an Englishman by giving praise where praise is so justly due & to rescue the Character & Honor of a Brave & Gallant man from all Doubt & aspersion; In short to take

Yours

Good than out of the hands of Two Bad Ones. He is
outrageous at the removal of your Regiment, & very willing
to follow it up in any way, but I think him too violent
& intemperate to be hurried, therefore (as he goes into the
Country on Saturday) I have made another Appointment
with him for Monday next at M^o Goch, which will not
only afford me time to make further Enquiries about
him, but likewise to Consider what use should be made
of his Letter to the —, as well as of himself generally.

No distinct News of any kind, but the Rumour
as loud to Day as ever that the Great Fleet have been seen
at Sea, standing to the Westward; & that the Brouloune
Hutella is also out.

Ever, Sir,
Your Royal Highness's
Faithful & affectionate Servant
Thomas Mordaunt

P.S. I wish last Night to the D. of Norfolk^r. The Living is not
in J. R. H's Gift, which I took care to observe how much you lamented