Sir Robert Wilson to Col. Lethbridge.

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My D. Mc Mahon -

If your time is not totally occupied, or if you are not unmindful of my anxiety pray give a confidential statement of the return of the Kings Disorder, its progress, an probable termination - Every thing is directed to that particular point, and the public Feeling throughout this part of England is most strongly excited - I have no news to communicate. We are taught to expect the French and we are directed to beat them but I doubt much whether we can presume to fight them. The Volunteers are resigning, disputing, and daily becoming a more fearful Force for this Country - If want should menace to pinch them, it is my firm opinion that this immortal Band of the Doctors will establish a Maximum by beat of Drum, and cram the bellies of the Proprietors with cold Iron - My duty is most unpleasant, harassing

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expensive, and unsatisfactory - I have no military authority, a district of 400 Miles in circumference to ride thro', no travelling expences allowed, only allowance for 3 Horses and 13..10 per day pay - I dare not resign but I would be very glad to receive my dismissal - Perhaps Pride operates to disgust me, for I presume that I should have a better employment than the Situation of Adjutant to Yeomanry offices -

Lord Hutchinson has I suppose withdrawn from me his Requisition. He terminated in a Letter to do this if he found that the District of Gr.d Myers was offered him - The Newspapers have informed me that the Duke did make the proposal. I scarcely thought I never was so surprised - It was a Thunderbolt which has struck me heavily, for L.d H.s Friends seem I believe mad, but Explanations and Protestations avail nothing with him - However I think you will do me the justice to believe that I knew nothing of the Matter, on the contrary that I was most egregiously cheated by a certain Friend of mine assuring me that L.d H. was to succeed some Dry old General who was to be removed to Ireland for the sole purpose of making a Vacancy

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on this Staff. However the new cousin recent is a very satisfactory sensation and must continually operate to my advantage and the restoration of the opinion of those whose Esteem I covet.

Simcoe is still here, but in the rear, he is not so good a General as I thought him to be — his head is full of Plans, but he cannot arrange any System. However I respect his Talents, and admire his Zeal. From him I have received every possible attention and for my own sake should regret his absence from this Pist. but on public grounds I wish that so General should where his Property, and Cares were centred.

I will not trouble you with a longer letter. If the Prince wou Honours me by a remembrance I wish you would express my sincere joy at his recovery and my unceasing devotion to his Interest. and believe in my assurance of being y. most truly & attached

R. Wilson.

Feby 23d. 1802.

I have just returned from a tour thro' Somerset. The Evening Papers should contain some Paragraphs similar to Jebbetts remarks of last Sunday.

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P. Wilson
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