

Ld. Douglas & Clyde's dale to H.R.H.

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I will not begin, Sir, by making any apology to your Royal Highness for not having acknowledged the receipt of your very kind and obliging letter — Any thing I could say would be insufficient to justify this delay, I shall therefore throw myself upon your indulgence —

Our old acquaintance Hillary has frequently invited me to his house, but unfortunately I have always been prevented from profiting of his kindness; if however your Royal Highness should stop at Saxbury, I am determined that nothing shall (unless the arrival of the French) preclude me from meeting you there — The situation in which A. P. H. the Commander in Chief has placed me, exacts very peculiar attention, & having always been honored with the most obliging kindness from him, I should be doubly reprehensible were I to omit any exertion for the good of the service, or the security of this part

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part of the coast — I shall hope however that  
Your Royal Highness will let me know the  
time when your proposed visit is to take place,  
that I may so arrange matters here as to be able  
to receive myself with ease & convenience —

It is with peculiar pleasure ~~that~~ that I  
learn from your Royal Highness that the Prince  
has spoken of me in the handsome manner your  
letter states — From gratitude as well as principle  
I should wish ever to preserve those flattering  
sentiments that His Royal Highness has been pleased  
to honor me with; and I am the more interested &  
the more happy in stating my anxiety upon the  
subject, because I have some reason to think that  
I have been some time ago misrepresented — Be  
kind enough to say as much to do me justice, and I  
am confident my own feelings when brought to the test  
will not only do credit to their author, but address  
themselves to his Royal Highness with <sup>that</sup> peculiar force  
which their tendency & character entitles them to  
aspire —

Ed. Douglass & Clydesdale to H.R. A.

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I will not dwell upon this subject, because I am sure that when my cause is in your Royal Highness's hands it will be treated with candour, & I trust no more.

I am glad to hear that your Royal Highness's health is better than formerly; if I may judge from the stile of your letter, as much may be said with regard to your spirits; and yet I should hope your return to this country with the various objects around you that must attract not only your notice but your attention, would sure to awaken <sup>many</sup> pleasing ideas - Many there must be highly gratifying to you, others perhaps less so; but if there is a spot where Britain assumes the character that disgraces her, it is in her very bosom where each individual hand plyed to the war navigates the machine - I am only grieved that the low politics or rather the low & unwise method of carrying our political views in effect on the Continent have been so generally exploded - Interior arrangements dictate foreign nominations, & the whole country is often

after sacrificed, I had nearly said degraded, <sup>by</sup> the  
consulting a vote in St. Stephen's or the wishes  
of a favourite to advance a person unfit for his  
situation.

But Sir I ought not to intrude upon  
you all these nice remarks, you must well  
know (from having seen so much of foreign countries)  
how often we are estimated ~~by~~ by them below our  
real value, from the representative being below his  
situation. I indeed have been able to observe this  
in an amicable point of view from things nothing  
concerned from me as they would be from your Royal  
Highness; but however we may rise at home and  
afterwards abroad resume that character which  
has ever been the pride & glory of the nation.

Allow me before I conclude to assure your  
Royal Highness of those sentiments of regard & esteem  
with which I have the honour to be Sir

Yours Royal Highness's most aff<sup>ct</sup>  
& obliged serv<sup>t</sup>  
Douglas & Chydesdale

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