

Dennis Bowes Daly to Col. McKeown

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My dear Sir

The enclosed queries were put confidentially to the Members, & in consequence of our having always supported, in Parliament, the claims of the Catholics; & from our known attachment to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. you will see how impossible it was for us to give an answer, without a communication, with some person honored by his Royal Highness's confidence. knowing that confidence has been placed most justly in you, & feeling strongly, your kind attention to me on all occasions. I now take the liberty of applying to you in the present most important case; yet fully aware of the delicacy which may attend committing any of His Royal Highness's immediate friends; I beg leave to say that any communication you shall honor me with, on this subject, shall be copied if thought desirable to the two Mr Members. I am sure you will concur

The Ladies, above, how much aware those persons  
who have put them to us, are, of the delicacy of the  
present situation of affairs; & their anxiety to  
avoid creating any additional embarrassment.  
You will understand, that this communication is  
between you & me, & the Members; not including  
any body of People; at the same time, I must beg  
leave to observe, our un will have considerable  
weight. I shall hope to hear from you in the  
little delay as possible & have the honor to be  
the highest esteem, My D. Sir

Yrs most sincerely

D. B. Daly

P.S. In reading over my letter I find I had much to say  
to intrude on you get a reflexion I am convinced I do  
mean to you having expected it is to obtain the  
authentic information which I beg leave to offer as  
my excuse.

Enclosure.

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Queen

First, How far the Introduction of the Catholic  
Petition into Parliament early in the ensuing  
Session is likely (according to the present view  
of things) to clash or suit with the Parliamentary  
Views of the Friends of the Prince

Secondly - How far it is likely to receive their  
Support - whether an unanimous one or only  
from those who are known to be predisposed in  
its favor

Thirdly - How far a reconciliation between his  
Majesty & the Prince might probably render it a  
delicate question with the latter or his Friends,  
& how far in the latter event the agitation of  
the Subject in Parliament might embarrass the Friends  
of the latter & endanger the Character <sup>& Success</sup> of the  
Petitioners & the Petition

Fourthly - Supposing the Petition to suit the Views  
of the Prince's Friends would any & which of the  
Leading Men of them be willing on proper application  
to Present or Patronise it?

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