

Duke of Northumberland to Col. the Marquis
19. July 1805

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Alnwick Castle 19th Feb^r 1805

My Dear Colonel

Many thanks for your letter of the
12th with its enclosure. I have written to enquire whether the Office
of Supervisor of Sir will suit my friend ~~James~~ Perwarden, & will
again trouble you on that Subject, as soon as I receive an
Answer.

I do not think your Divisions in the two Houses of
Parliament are such, as to clear the Ministers; nor do I think
that Mr. Pitt will resign, you will see that he will regain his
former ascendancy over Lord Sidmouth, & go on just as usual.
As for Lord Melville your 10th Report will not frighten him.
I think it ~~will~~ be brought forwards in Parliament, the previous
Question first, & then a Bill of Indemnity will put that business
to rest for ever; & such an Opinion here I of your present
Parliament, that I have no doubt but both Questions would
be carried by a large Majority.

By a letter I received from Windsor a few days ago, I

I should not be surpris'd if next month or at best April, ^{renew'd}
the scene of last year. I had this morn the State of the County
would be delaratory indeed. Surely in such a Case, a Popery
must be thought absolutely necessary.

a Letter from a Friend in London informs me that a
perfect & cordial Reconciliation has taken place, between the
Prince & the Duke of York. I say let us know whether this
is true? If so, I know what to think of the Opinion entertained
of the King's State of health, at the End of St. James's Park.

I suppose they every day expect to see Lord Howe or
his Return to Dunbargh. I think Lady Louisa told the
Duchess his Leave was only for two months.

I find a piece of Scandal is propagated in the neighbourhood
of Windsor, that a certain Person, forgetfull of his Attachment
to Lady Pembroke, has taken Mr. Gibbs, the Chaplain, under his
protection, & that he is a constant Visitor at New.

Adieu my Dear Colonel - accept my best Compl^{ts} & believe me

Ever most truly yours

Northumberland.