

Ld. Maura to Col. McMahon

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Confidential

April 20th 1905

My dear friend

I see that the Prince
has been talked into so vehement a desire
for my resigning this command as to become
of attachment to him as option. The step
which I take is that I would deeply resent
in another, and as I am not apt to be over-
indulgent to myself, you will judge how

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I do at present, & shall in future, feel it.
If the letter which I last transmitted to
you has procured for me leave to come
to town, then it will be unnecessary to
present the enclosed till I have seen you.
At all events it would be very desirable that
D Grenville could defer his departure for three
or four days; as it might enable me to
get to town by the 10.th I hope the leave

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it. my honor has been given for me, because of
rejection right to subsequently conveyed
in one way less formal than of the letter
to which I send. It is a most awkward step.

And I am persuaded that it will not
be less injurious to the Prince's credit &
interest than as in as to my reputation.

I have said there was nothing which I
would not sacrifice for him: He has the

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To the utmost best: And whatsoever be
the consequence his wish is obeyed.

Affectionately yours

R.

Lord Mordaunt

April 20. 1705

Col. Mordaunt