

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Ketchum

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Alnwick Castle 8th Sept. 1805.

My Dear Colonel

I should not have left your letter of the 27th of last month so long without an answer, had it been in my power to hold a pen; but till yesterday I have not been able to quill since I received your letter.

May you will excuse the Prince, that I am fully sensible of his goodness, in refusing to give any answer to Mr. Goodshaw till you heard from us. The following is shortly the history of my Connection with S^r Jves. Mr. Goodshaw has hitherto always led the Direction of that Borough, & on the last Election Mr. Goodshaw, & I came to certain terms, on which in future Jves always to continue to be of the seat in that Borough, as long as the Interest continued in him. From Papers & other Documents laid before me, I have pretty good reason to believe that Mr. Goodshaw's Interest in that Borough is very secure; but

There heard that Mr. Pined had some distant thought of parting
with his Property in that neighbourhood. If so, & Mr. Bradshaw was
to purchase Mr. Pined's Property, I should apprehend the Borough
would be secure to him. But this is quite otherwise, as I know
well for certain that Mr. Pined wishes to sell, & he might be offered
it by authority such a Circumstance, with^o any Authority.

As the P- is now at Weymouth, He will judge of
every thing from his own Observation. I have heard that the Long
Disorder has broke out a little below the Ear on one side of Mr. Pined's
Neck. That there appears an almost insupportable Inflammation
in one Eye, & a Cataract far advanced in the other, & that Phipps
despairs of Amendment.

I find I am going to have a Friend of your's for my
Nephew, & as I have heard you give him an excellent Character
I am rejoiced at it. Colonel Gordon, Secretary to the Duke of
York, is going I understand to marry my Niece, Miss Besset,

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I have not the pleasure of knowing Colonel Good in the least, but I am assured he is a very deserving young man. In time he will get a most sensible & I trust affectionate Wife, & therefore I hope they will be very happy.

I am rejoiced to find Mr. D's Serjeants agree with mine about Newmarket, long friend of the D's and wish to get H: k: H: out of, and into, the Company.

I am satisfied Pitt is determined to go on as he is, if he possibly can, without seeking for aid elsewhere. If he finds he must look for support, the Grenvilles are those to whom he will make the offer. Lord Spencer wishes to be in office again disapproves of the Proceedings against Lord Belville, & I know that the Grenvilles themselves have had it hinted, that they are not very anxious that the Proceedings against L^d. Belville should be carried on with any vigour. This is a good step towards a reconciliation, & you will find that L^d. M. will not be pursued

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The Parliament meets with great eagerness, but will be let
off easily.

As our equinoctial fairs are now coming on, & the Duke
has not yet set us up, I suppose we are to look upon
ourselves as safe till next year; when of course the breach
clear is to be given about the month of August.

Our weather lately has been very rainy & bad, for which
I grieve, as Lord Percy & his Party went up last week upon
the horses to shoot.

The Duchess desires I will offer her Compliments
with mine to you, & Mr. ~~Mad~~ Madam. Believe me & believe me

Ever most sincerely your's

Northumberland.

10th Sept 1692

John of Northumberland