

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Kebleton

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Albion Castle 10<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1805.

My Dear Colonel

I have taken the liberty of sending under another cover, directed to you, a letter for J. M. Kebleton, which will bring him to ~~see~~ carry it to him. If you will be kind enough to forward it for me, I shall feel myself particularly obliged to you.

I congratulate you most sincerely on the decisive victory gained over the combined Fleet of France & Spain. It was a well earned Victory, after a hard fought Battle. Poor D. Nelson's Death was exactly what he wished for himself. He began the action like a British Seaman, & it was well finished by Admiral Collingwood. I don't expect the very like probability there seems to be of our getting any of them into a British Port. The loss however to the Enemy is the same, and such convince them how little chance they ever have to meet us at sea. So much did even the old Danish respect us the the element, & so cheap did he hold us ashore, that when

Richard Russell Conway (the general Conway) was introduced  
to him at Paris some after the seven years War, he always  
called him Admiral; & on Conway saying he was a general  
& not an Admiral, the King replied, I beg your pardon, Sir,  
for the mistake, but I think I heard your Name mentioned  
during the late War, & therefore concluded you must be an  
Admiral.

I suppose there is great joy at the restoration of Hanover  
to its Electoral Sovereign, if the news of its capture by the  
Impress is true. Indeed as almost all the Imperial troops had  
besieged it, its recovery is such a thing worth to be wondered  
at. I hope the fate of Gen. Mack will teach us wisdom  
at home, & convince some persons, that Disappointment,  
Defeat, & Disgrace, will always attend military operations,  
planned, & carried into execution, by Persons who have neither  
the Abilities, nor Experience necessary for such Undertakings  
whether they are Austrians, English, or Scotch.

Dublin of Northumberland to Col. McClellan

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Pray what is <sup>the</sup> done for Collingwood? Or is all his ~~luck~~  
luck in the late Victory to be dooned in the hour that  
for Lord Nelson?

I was much disappointed, to find that the Geo.  
G. Willis was not appointed Captain to the second ~~ships~~  
to Berlin. Surely it was very unkind in G. Pitt not to pay  
more attention to his friend.

As I see by the papers that the Prince is coming  
himself, I trust it is a sure proof that he is well. You will  
please to say every thing proper for me to H: K: H:.

Adieu, my Dear Colonel, accept the Compliments of the  
Duchess & myself, & present the same for us to Gen<sup>l</sup>  
McClellan.

Your's ever most sincerely

Northumberland.

I suppose Ministers hold up their heads again, & talk big  
after this Naval Victory. They should now think of looking  
a little more sharply after the Rochefort Squadron. They will probably  
hear of them to the Southward.

Duke of Northumberland  
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