

Wm. Adam to Col. MacMahon

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My Dear MacMahon

On my return here yesterday ~~on my~~
~~return here yesterday~~ after a visit of a fort-
night to my Daughter - where I left her well
& happy & again, ^{in a fair way,} the
Post brought me your incomparably kind
& most excellent Letter. -

I am now leaving this place ^{after stopping one night} on a
most melancholy duty - having no hope of
finding my old & good friend - the father of
our friend the Fergusons alive. It is now six
days since he was struck with Palmy - He
revived and was quite distinct & recollects
and as the General writes to me speaks most
affectionately about his son Robert - This revival
gave hopes - But the disorder returned &
since Tuesday night there has been no ray
of hope, and there can be little doubt that
it is all over Yesterday, - But my movement
is now

him yesterday cut off my intelligence -

The General wrote for his Brother - and
he must have reached Ratis last night -
Ronald has expressed a strong anxiety to
see me: and it is a duty which I owe to
such friends on such an Event - I lived in as
great intimacy with the father as with the
son & entertained great hopes of being able
before I left this country to have been instru-
:mental in sending Robert's situation more
comfortable by my influence with his
Father - who with some singularities had
a most kind heart, & most powerful intellect.
The stroke of Death has ended this expectation,
Robert succeeds to a great Estate in great
order - But His situation in many respects
will embarrass the pure enjoyment of
it, and even in a worldly point of
view a Reconciliation with his Father
would

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Would have been better for him than his
great suspicion. But Robert is an uncommon
man for his age & character I will
do the best in his Situation - As you
are interested in both Rogersons - and as
the Pope has always been pleased to
obey them His Gracious Protection &
has taken a warm share in their
concerns - I will write to You when I have
been there & see more how things are re:
garding Robert's Plans & Ronald's provision.
Your letter puts me much at my
Ease as to my father's stay here, and is
like all your other friendly acts to me.
In truth a couple of Months more will
enable me to arrange what I could not
do by Correspondence - And it is an
arrangement which will conduce

not only to the comfort of my Son and the
Who may come after me, but will be a wind
up which will afford me a degree of Ease
and Affluence - which at my age is
the wis. thing to look to - And it is not
an uncomfortable reflection that this
has been the result of personal Effort,
applied to professional pursuit, & regulated
of Propriety, so mixed as to have produced
the most happy Conclusion.

I shall take care to keep the intelligence
of your last paragraph entirely to my
self. I shall be anxious for farther in-
formation on that or any other
public Matter - And always of the
Prince being in health & in his proper
Place - His affections must be duly wound
by this lingering distress of so favourable
a Sister -

Your very D^d Friend
with the greatest truth & regard
William Adam

Address Henry, it is
with 12 miles of Reading, & will be
sent to me if I do not find there