

Lady Berkeley to William Adam.

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My Dear Sir

I did not learn from you when I had the pleasure of seeing you in Spring Gardens whether I had permission to lay the enclosed papers before the Salisbury Family, and to send them to Adm. Berkeley, he is now at Stou at the Marquis of Buckingham's which makes me more anxious to send the papers where the Prince Regent's Evidence now is or has been you will have the goodness to keep in view that the Evidence was expressly sent from the Prince to Both — at the same time I had leave to publish it all over the World — and if gratitude toward the Prince Regent had not withheld me I had done so — But in this honest and dutiful feeling toward him I gave up for the present, the good

to myself — to my Eldest Son alone I  
sent the Evidence but to him I did not  
send my Letter, & of which I now send  
to you; he is a high minded young  
Man, and I delayed it — Mr Spaulding  
you not know of my private Papers — and  
therefore his opinion must be, what I  
wish every one to be on this subject formed  
upon the Justice <sup>of the case</sup>, and what is due from  
the Crown to a Noble Family suffering  
from the omission of its Evidence — you will  
likewise have the goodness to recollect that  
when I applied to the Prince Regent for his  
Evidence I avoided approaching him upon  
the score of private Friendship — For  
I knew not how to divide the feelings of  
the Man, from the Duties of the Sovereign  
in a matter of Precedence — On the contrary

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I felt it to be the Duty of the Man to  
Give me what I asked - And the Duty of the  
Sovereign to Command the Crown Lawyers to  
apply the Evidence issuing from itself to  
protect the rightful Succession - I have  
matters enough in my hands to clear my  
reputation, but in so doing it is my wish  
to avoid building it upon the ruin of others -  
I received the dying injunction of my Husband  
never to take any step without the advice  
of the Prince Regent; and as long as his  
Royal Highness shall think me worthy of  
such high Distinction I shall never depart  
from it - When I gave into my Sons being  
created a Baron I sacrificed myself and was  
content to remain in retirement till my  
second Son came of Age - I fear in the  
inquiry things unpleasant might be said

of the Duke of Cumberland. — I implore  
you Dear Sir, to remember I have given  
my full confidence to you, let the Lord  
Chancellor know it. And tell him, as far  
as a Woman can penetrate, My Marriage  
appears a State business — I first intended  
to destroy the letter which you took from  
me to Col McMahon, with that from me  
to you, I have now sealed them up, that  
at any future period I may return to them  
as vouchers of my anxiety to do my Duty,  
by those it is my Duty to respect —  
I cannot help adding that every Step the Mar  
and the Sovereign ought to take his Royal  
Highness has taken. — My application was  
to my friend and Sovereign, his Royal  
Highness's answer such as became the  
purest feelings of Truth and Honor —  
He gave me the Statement truth required