

Lady Berkeley to Col. J. Mac Mahon.

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My Dearest Friend

I enclose you the  
heads of a letter which I sometime ago  
addressed to Mr Adam relating to Mr  
Tudor Haynes - Mr Adam was  
so kind as to write to me to tell me  
he would learn at the Treasury the reason  
his Haynes was withheld but I suppose  
bus of business has prevented his doing  
so - I think if the contents of my letter  
could be explained to their Lordships  
or laid before the Duke of York he would  
get his Haynes. We have been  
advised to petition the Prince Regent  
but surely it might be done without  
it - the burden upon me is very great  
and the hardship upon him still greater.

Mr Greenwood is a kind hearted Man,  
could you enclose my letter to him?<sup>2</sup>  
Mr Pease would do all in his power  
from the regard he has for my Family  
with the Duke of York, if that is a proper  
Channel, more particularly if you  
joined me. I am sure you will not  
delay doing all in your power, If I  
could get this I should have hoped that  
time would do the rest  
and now my Dear Friend I am on this  
subject I must continue it a little  
longer - it is a pleasure to me to write  
to you, and you will exert yourself  
the more if I prove to you that I value  
the Prince Regent's good opinion, in spite  
of all he can do to make me forget him.  
I never have, I never shall forget

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Any thing relating to His Royal Highness  
but what I can prove in black and white  
whenever my words are doubted, or he says  
I do not speak truth - I am not more  
anxious was His Royal Highness that Mr  
Jesty should return to him, than  
he was at that time to secure my Eldest  
Son's Birthright - The year before this  
event took place we were at Brighton  
I need not repeat to you all the scenes  
I was a witness to, the letters he wrote  
and caused to be written by parts of his  
own family, and others high in situation  
in this country before he could obtain  
his purpose - all of which has been  
detailed to me - at that time the Duke  
of C. had visited us and you may  
not know that the Prince R. would  
not permit us to receive him any  
longer, and in order to make Lord Berkeley

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From his acquaintance the P. R. Coaled  
him with every vill and almost every  
crime which Man is capable of committing  
Made Mrs Fitz write Details of them  
Some of which letters he either set his  
name to or aded postscripts to until this  
was accomplished — you know the  
anxiety, the schemes which took place  
the moment the Duke of Sussex had made  
the communication respecting the Douglas's  
and the P. of Wales — and you know  
whether I am correct in stating that the  
following party was shut up all night  
at your house — the P. R. the Duke of Sussex  
and Sir John and Lady J — while you  
and a nobleman who has now two letters  
of mine in his hands and will not  
return them remained below —  
all the steps which the P. R. took or  
commanded you all to take he either

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Communicated to me, or caused to be  
written to me — Many a letter of yours  
to your Royal Master has been sent into  
my hands, which you little thought was  
mentioned to any one — Many, many, may  
all the points which he in his language  
Mind undertook or fancied was for his  
happiness for ten years I was a witness  
to — During which period I was most  
faithfully attached to him tho' I never  
forgot what was due to myself and my  
Husband — what pains he took to place  
the friend of Mr Pitt (Jas De Clifford)  
as Governor to the young King in  
opposition to the King — The time  
he would devote to carry any points he  
was interested in I need not repeat to  
you for I am sure your rest must  
have been often broken in his service —  
I repeat this to convince you that his  
Royal Master was as anxious to secure

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my Eldest Son claim to the Earldom of  
his Father, as he was on any of the  
above occasions - "He knew every thing"  
"Berkeley had never one moment concealed"  
"his intentions from him, even before"  
"he married me in 1785 Berkeley had"  
"Detailed the steps which he intended to"  
"take to him and had told him he"  
"intended to marry me to get possession"  
"of my person never intending to acknowledge"  
"me as his wife" - he even went so far as  
as to say he advised Lord Berkeley with  
"Murrayman" and told so much, that  
the late Lord Thurston said it was a  
d... d. Diabolical business they had  
been engaged in to deceive an innocent  
woman - and the only thing that did them  
credit was, their anxiety to make all  
the reparation to me and my beloved  
son - My Dear friend Lord Thurston

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Qued with the Dea from what the J. K.  
told him, that the Crown knowing  
my Eldest son to be the rightful  
Heir, must guard his interest and secure  
it to him - And Lord Shannon suggested  
that it should be call'd Lord Berkeley's  
confessor to his Royal Highness, to  
prevent its being supposed he could  
know and approve Lord B's conduct  
to me - And at this time his Royal  
Highness knows nothing not even the  
simple fact that I had been presented  
to him as Countess of Berkeley before  
my second Marriage took place tho'  
material to the ends of Justice could I  
have <sup>had it</sup> enter'd in the small book of the  
Evidence signed by him - but some months  
afterwards the truth came out, while his  
Royal Highness was speaking to Lord  
Granville, as Lord Granville has reported

to you before — What am I to think,  
which, or what is the truth, can it be  
possible to suppose that when his Royal  
Highness was endeavouring to seduce the  
affections of Lord Berkeley's wife, that  
he pretended a knowledge relating to her  
private Marriage only as an engine of to  
serve his purpose — can it be possible  
that Lord Thurston was misled by his  
Royal Highness — who I think would never  
have advised our proceeding in our endeavours  
to establish our first Marriage tho' certain  
there had been one — but under the strongest  
conviction that his Royal Highness must  
tell the truth to his advisers let them  
be who so ever they might be — and that  
they would feel themselves bound to  
satisfy Justice most becoming the exalted  
Rank of his Royal Highness —  
Mr Mahan, I have been silent even to  
Mr Adam Anderson —



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hoping reflection would come to his  
Majesty's Highness on the miserable situation  
of my Eldest Son, that his conscience -  
would lead him to do him justice  
in any manner least troublesome to him-  
self - Let me remain the Master's servant  
nothing - but do not tell me he cannot  
use my Son to the Service if he chooses  
it - I know better, supposing his Majesty's  
Highness in pursuit of me at this  
moment, who or what could prevent this  
going his duty by my Son - Mr Mahon,  
we know your Majesty's Master, but  
not better than I do - and so know  
me - I do not write this in pique - I act  
from principle - I have no disrespectful  
feeling towards the Gr R. I love my  
country too well not to wish to uphold  
the head of it - I am all my Dear Friends  
I have told you more than I ever did

before, much more I could tell you,  
but my letter would become a volume.  
I am prepared and should it please  
God to take me the world would  
know that I was indeed "the most used  
woman in ~~the~~ it ~~place~~" if Mr. Hudson's copy  
cannot be obtained, do not keep me in  
suspense; I have a great mind to send  
a detail of my situation to Lady Hertford, she  
was always very kind to me, and she must  
love the Prince and his share must be  
dear to her - and she may tell Sir  
what he ought to do - I must not send all  
for if I did she might frown on a certain  
personage - I shall not address the Ministers  
any more - I offered to the Lord Chancellor,  
and to Lord Liverpool - if they, or either  
of them, would send Sir Wm. Scott  
or any other person to me, to persevere  
or not in my claim upon the Justice

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of the Prince Regent as they should say  
the Justice of the case requires - were I  
could not do - God bless you I remain  
with kindest love to your Dear Mrs M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>  
yours affectionate friend

M. Berkeley

Cranford House  
Aug<sup>r</sup> 23 1814

My poor Dear Mrs (Mrs) M<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>  
Dear, and leave them of children -

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