

Walsley Castle

Oct 27 1824

Private & Confidential

My Dear Canning

I am much obliged to you for
 accounts private letter, which I return, I
 recieve at the same time copies of his Dispatches
 I know of no doubt so embarrassing as this
 of Portugal & Brazil, & yet we must look at
 fairly in the face, & come to some Decision
 upon it in all its parts.

In the case of Spain & her Colonies, our
 line though not easy is nevertheless our
principled. After the ~~Spanish~~ Spain has taken
 in opposition to our Advice, and the permitted
 Interference of France, and the Alliance,
 we have only to consider our own Interest,
 and that Interest in my opinion should
 lead us to establish an Influence in the Spanish
 Colonies

Canning

Colonies as far as we can do it consistently
 with good faith, and our just 'Preferance'
 But with respect to Portugal
 Is it Portugal or the Brazils to which
 we mean to attach ourselves
 Can we be the Allies of both,
 Can we do what is right and may be
 necessary for our Interest in the Brazils
 and expect to preserve any Influence
 in Portugal

Will not the very Act by which we
 acknowledge the Independence of Brazils and
 establish direct & recognized Commercial Relations
 with the Court of Rio Janeiro separate us from
 any Intimate Connection with the Court of Lisbon,
 & turn it entirely into the Hands of the
 Alliance

I see no Difficulty in fighting against the
Alliance the Portuguese Question, if the
 Brazilian Question did not exist, but can
 we expect to fight both successfully and

first, in which to me make our Opinion
then are the Points which directly appear
to require Consideration and whether we decide
right or wrong, decide upon this. We must

There can be no doubt that Account
must be supported in any Measure he may
think it necessary to take for getting rid of
Lubron; We need have no distrust as to his
Prudence & Discretion. Palmetto has gone
wisely disappointed us and I see little
good to be expected whilst he continues
Minister, even if Lubron should be removed

I have written to Martin, & say that
you is quite indifferant to you I should
prefer the ^{Wednesday} first of Dec to Monday the 8th for
our first meeting. but you have my preference
& the letter, & that is quite reasonable, that
Palmetto should decide between the two
Days, particularly as you have been in an
very short Interval for the Nepleton road
Road

Ever sincerely your
Friend
G. M. J. G.