

Private

Windsor Castle July 22. 1832.

My dear Lord,

I will not delay at this time in acknowledging the Receipt of your Lordship's Letter of yesterday, which I have submitted to The King who expressed Himself much pleased with the Terms in which you notice the late Duke of York's administration of the Army, and H. R. H. desire to do impartial Justice to the Claims of the Service - of the difficulties & obstacles which He occasionally experienced, and of His inability, in some instances, to carry His good intentions into effect, I believe that few are better aware than I am; but H. R. H. never lost sight of the principle of impartiality, and, in His consideration of the Claims of Officers, He was, as far as I am able to judge, never influenced by His Political opinions or by Personal Prejudice, at the same time that He felt it to be perfectly consistent

The Earl Grey R. G. with

with a correct discharge of His duty and with
the Principle on which He acted to give a ready
and cordial support to the wishes of the
Government, when ever those wishes could
be carried into effect without a positive and
injurious violation of the acknowledged
regulations of the Service or injustice to
other pretensions - I believe that I have
invariably admitted this to your Lordship
when this Question has been raised, and I
assure you that I have never withheld, from
those now at the Horse Guards, my opinion
of the propriety and necessity of adhering to
this course and of a cordial intercourse and
unreserved communication between the
Military authorities and the Government -

I am aware that there is a strong feeling
that the Horse Guards is not favorable to the
Government but I really believe it arises more
from the circumstance of those employed
having been so long connected with Tory
Administrations, and particularly with
the Duke of Wellington, and from the
presumption

presumption that they must therefore be under his influence and that of his Party, than from any just ground of suspicion. With regard to the Duke of Wellington I may say that during the few days I was in communication with him when a change of administration was contemplated, he assured me that he was not referred to or consulted by those at the Horse Guards as he believed had been suspected and reported.

The King was surprised at the claim set up by the Earl of Mar to the Government of Stirling Castle, as he had never heard that it had been habitually held by the head of that family - H. M. doubts his being able to establish it, but admits the necessity of investigating it before any other disposal of the Government is thought of - He will mention it Lord Melb. whom he expects here tomorrow, though H. M. concludes that Lord Melbourne has not omitted to do so -

It appears very obvious that the Duke of Cumberland

Cumberland brought on the Division on
Tuesday night for the sake of vexation and
annoyance only, as He could gain nothing
essential by such a proceeding. H. M. is aware
that H. P. H. had grown more violent than
ever and He thinks He mentioned this to you
and cautioned you to be on your guard against
Mr. Nichol, there, whose closer attendance
they will produce, will not thank them
for them - Lords Clinton and Falkland are
here and I have spoken to them about
Tomorrow and Thursday - The Farmer's Party
will do for Monday, and he will give his
personal attendance on Thursday -

H. M. was upon the whole much pleased
with the account you give of the conversation
with Sir Rufsey Vivian, and it confirms the
Reports He has received from some other
Quarters, that Ireland, in spite of all that
tends to agitate and disturb it, is a very
prospering Country, and, but for the
violence and absurdity of the Ultra-Catholics
and

and tranquility and the advantage taken
by Agitators of the feeling of Party and
Religious animosity, the Irish would be a
contented and happy People -

Thave the Honour

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(Signed) H. Taylor

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To Lord Grey
July 22. 1832.

In reply to Mr. Stoddart's
letter of the 11th on the
above subject -