

Washington May 20. 1811

My dear Sir

The uncertainty we were under as to the person whom Mr Penning might leave in charge of our affairs at London when he left it, & of course to whom I might address a letter in favor of your young friend Alex Campbell, prevented my complying with your request at an earlier day. He had the authority to name a charge' des affs, & was suspended in his choice till very recently. I write to Mr Plurocane, the person whom he intimates he has named, and am satisfied that he will afford to Mr Campbell all the facility in getting from England to Rome that he may be able.

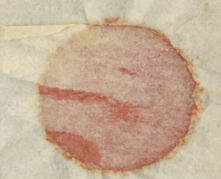
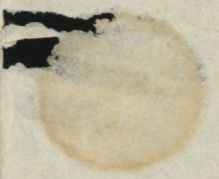
I hope you find in your retirement all the satisfaction & happiness which you anticipated. Mine, the couple of years that I remained at home, afforded me more quiet & content, than I was enjoyed in an equal portion of my life. I felt no responsibility for measures in which I had no agency, and my peaceful and inoffensive life, if it <sup>did not</sup> extinguish the spirit of hostility towards me in some who had before indulged it, afforded at least no food for - thus unfriendly passions to prey on. I take much interest in one effect resulting from my late appointment, the complete restoration not only in fact, but in the eyes of the publick, of the friendship which had so long subsisted between Mr M:

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I myself, which is produced by it. our communication is unbroken  
& the confidence between us what it used to be. I mention this because  
I know it is a circumstance which gives great satisfaction to you  
& Mr Labell, to whom be so good as to make my best respects.

I am dear Sir very sincerely  
your friend & servant  
Jas Mordaunt

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