

Third report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts

APPENDIX TO THIRD REPORT.

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Letter from Prince Charles Edward to Cluny Macpherson, 21st Sept. 1754, containing authority to deliver up to John Waters all the Prince's effects which Cluny had brought over from Scotland. "As soon as ever I am informed of your arrivall, shall take measures to lose no time to have the pleasure of seeing you; in the meantime be assured of the particular regard and friendship I shall always have for you."—Charles, P.

Autograph letters from Cardinal York, but without the address. In the first (which is undated), he refers to a rumour circulated by the enemies of his family that "the King, my brother, was actually, married to a certain lady, and which he believes when she hears of it, she will schiver to imagine that anybody could think her capable of such an intrigue, and of such a supposition, the fulshood of which no body can know better than herself."

The second, dated Frascati, 12th May 1767, is partly on the same subject. "God be praised, last Saturday evening, after a good deal of batleying upon very trifling circumstances, I carried my brother to the Pope's privately, as a private nobleman, by which mean he certainly has derogated nothing of his just pretentions, and has at the same time fulfilled with an indespensablo duty owing to the Head of the Church. The visit went much better than I expected, the Pope was extremely well satisfied, and my brother seemed well enough content, tho' I asked him very few questions, and so I hop to draw from it a great deal of good, provided my brother does not obstruct all by his indocility, and most singular way of thinking and arguing, which, indeed, passes anybodys comprehension."

In the third, dated 7th July 1767, he writes, "I have very little to say, except to deplore the continuance of the bottle; that I own to you makes me despair of everything, and I am of opinion that it is impossible for my brother to live if he continues in this strain; you say he ought to be sensible of all I have endeavoured to doe for his good; whether he is or not is more than I can tell, for he never has said anvthing of that kind to me; what is certain is, that he has, singular tenderness and regard for me, and all regards myself, and as singular an inflexibility and disregard for everything that regards his own good. I am seriously afflicted on his account when I reflect on the dismal situation he puts himself under, which is a

thousand times worse than the situation his enemys have endeavoured to place him; but there is no remedy except a miracle, which may be kept at last for his eternal salvation, but surely nothing else, for what regards the Lady, I am in very little trouble about her, since I am persuaded she might writ to the day of Jugement without having any answer. I am sorry to afflict you with such melancholy reflexions, but it is allwise a comfort to open ones mind with freedom to such a friend as you are. You know my unalterble sentiments towards you.”

Mr. Webster will afford every facility for having the documents calendared, if the Commissioners desire to have that done.

JOHN STUART,