

Duke of Northumberland to Col the Marquis
7. Feb^y 1804 of date below

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Alnwick Castle 7th Nov^r 1804

My Dear Colonel

Perceiving that S^r Reader,
late Master of the Charter House, is dead, & interesting
myself particularly in the Success of the Rev^d S^r Raine
now Head Grammar Master of that Society, who is brother
to my friend M^r Geo: Raine, Member for S^t Ives, I should
feel myself most particularly obliged to His Royal
Highness, if He would condescend to forward the Views
of S^r Raine, to succeed the late Rev^d S^r Reader,
provided no previous Engagement stands in the way of
my Wishes on this Occasion. In order to enable His
Royal Highness to do this, I have taken the Liberty
of sending you enclosed a List of the Governors.
Lord Charles's Vote & Interest, would be very material.
Being in our hurry to save the Post, I must conclude with
apology for that I am
Yours best faithfully
Northumberland

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet. The text is mirrored across the page, suggesting bleed-through from the reverse side.]