



My dear Bro: Hoop,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of the 22 & 24 Instants. I think <sup>Honourary</sup> Patron is sufficiently abstintive, in case I decide to accept the post. I saw your remarks in the Freeman of the 15<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Little was in despair. I advised him better not to say anything in reply, as he would place himself again in a disagreeable position - I think at present best to refrain from any further remarks, and particularly as they acknowledge themselves defeated, and are ready to do just as we please - I shall debate, to Mr. Little, your declaration for his own mind, with some advisers of my own - You understand that I do not wish, knowing what a set they are, to have in their possession any document either in my handwriting, or in the handwriting of any of my friends - Mr. Smith of the Freeman's Magazine, is a bitter enemy of Mr. Little - The Court Journal, and the London Circular of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant, and a very flattering notice of my book, and I was offended last night that the Pall Mall, and many other papers did - I shall not stop long more about it - If you have the time of the 20<sup>th</sup> see a small paragraph regarding myself and the naturalised Aliens - The jewel of the Rev.





copy, will be entirely modified - They are and  
the Prince of Wales & given to become a "Royal  
Patron"

Thanking you again, and yours  
I remain Sir, Dear Mr Wood  
Your most faithful  
Roderic Mackay

P.S. I was very much pleased to see that you  
are the Honorary Secretary to the Society for  
aid to the sick and wounded in war -  
It does you great honor - R.

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