

any other period, but, with an enemy on our coasts, it was no time to allow private feelings to interfere, and he should do his duty *without* pleasure equally well as *with* it—but certainly without *pay*, and would take nothing for it. Here it might have ended;—Colonel Napier would have gone, and returned soon, and nothing more said; but, for some reason, still a mystery, though nearly guessed at by us, the next day Lord Carhampton sent for him, and, changing his ground entirely, put it on the most curious reasoning, of which the following is the meaning:—‘I, Commander-in-chief, acknowledging that your merit as an officer may be of essential service, respecting you in my private capacity to the highest degree, do notwithstanding decline recommending you for service *in the north*,—but not in the *south*, where I request you to go with me; and my reason is, that you say conciliatory measures are preferable to coercion *there*, and will answer the purpose; and therefore I should affront Lord Londonderry and Lord Castlereagh, by sending an officer to any part of the north that held *a language different from theirs*. Not that I doubt your loyalty the least, but *we are determined to use coercion only*. Consider, I am only an insignificant part of an administration, and must follow their system.’ This was so true, that what could Colonel Napier do, but bow and assent to his lordship’s assertion of his own insignificance? and there it ended.”

EXTRACT FROM AN UNPUBLISHED PAMPHLET, ADDRESSED TO
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HONOURABLE JOHN PHILPOT CURRAN.

“From any distant retrospects as between these two countries I most willingly abstain, wishing as I do in the