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17607-8 My Dear Mr. Mather,

Private

I did not write you my long letter, which
you will have the goodness, I hope, to read at your leisure. I wish it may then
now be read - for I apprehend you have very little time to spare. So much the
better, for then you will not write long letters - Now give me my acquaintance
upon your late appointment - You have merited it, by your services, your
zeal, your honor & integrity - And you have met with a benevolent
master, who is ever generous, generous & great - I wish you health long
to enjoy it, and that you may see in America the influence, to the utmost
extent of your power - Now for myself - The theme of this epistle -
I have served a Master for twenty one years - unremittingly - never absent
a week, but once to Cheltenham for one month, to establish my health - I have
been of great importance to him in life - I have suggested the means, &
obtained very large sums of money for him - I have calmed his mind
in distress, & assuaged his anxious moments - I have attended his studies -
and have supported his character in the world - And now for my recompense -
I received £250 per Annum from D. P. D. from 1739 to 1758 - D. P. D. had been
Wagoner of Prussia Church a twelve man, who having expressed to him
the mediocrity of my finances, D. P. D. said in his letter to me, If you
will accept of £250 per Annum in addition, it is at your service - I told you
some days afterwards in Cheltenham, & told you of it - this I mentioned
to the Rev. Mr. - Now, I must trouble you with some observations -
My constant & unremittingly attendance, has prevented the sum being
of the most benefit to myself - How could I then my mind to

any other pursuit, than that of the bar which I was engaged with
The Duke of Clarence - And, indeed, for many years, it was my employment & sufficient;
but was justly paid for the mind - however, not to detain my mind
from what I did, that I acted with a steady & steady; & neither I
could proceed in respect to my mind, or my mind, or my mind
of my duty or intention - I did quietly with my Regiment at Coblenz.
I received a letter from the Duke, announcing my appointment to the
Duke of Clarence's family - in the first step of D. R. D. & the Duke
I was immediately on my part, & came to me, through the generous
favor of the Countess of Wiche, very respectfully - I immediately came
to England, in a very indifferent state of health - In 1791 - I had a
most severe gonorrhoea - My mind weakened by riches, being
involved in a very heavy debt - My wife and family to support &
being engaged in the world - And, at that time, the prospect of War - I
was induced to withdraw from the army - The Duke of Clarence engaged
it in favor of St. John, who, immediately upon his appointment, cut
the Duke - ^{In his year would be lost, & would be a great loss, & a great loss in paper -} I then went away to follow the Duke - I looked for a
to a situation that might enable me to support myself and family -
under the auspices of D. R. D. - I had a very small amount of the
money I got for my commission, only £2000 - And being constantly
with D. R. D. to support the dignity of my situation in D. R. D.
family, & my own credit - I reduced my capital to £1000 in 1791.
before 1798 - however, on the increase of my income, was £2000 - I was
from the Duke of Kent - I became more easy in my circumstances -
yet a rising family, & I wanted all my means - In my own part,

I was engaged, since I was 25 years of age - I belonged to the Club - I never
went to a coffee house, except to dine, when upon the Club - yet with all
my economy, I found great difficulty to maintain & bring my family
forward - My Marriage with Lady Andrews proved as unfortunate
to me, as that of Melchior Lupatulo in Gen. Pitt's - for I was ruined by
that adventure, & the circumstances incidental to it, was by £500 -
And St. Vincent, my very old friend and acquaintance, made my eldest
son a Capt. but he died - The Duke of York bought my other
son forward in the Commodore - My daughter very fortunately for
her & now for me, has married a young man with a very considerable
property - And thus the whole have ample provision, & thank
God - How am I a beggar! Deus obolum pebisano -

On Saturday of July 1810 - Having shown the Duke of Clarence a letter,
intended to send to the Treasury, on a claim for pay of £2800, D. R. D.
approved of it, & sent it accordingly - On Sunday the 8th I received a letter
from D. R. D. announcing to me, that all my allowances were stopped -
and, at the same time, D. R. D. inclosed me a letter from Mr. Perceval,
directing him to provide for telling the Ministers, that I had been
D. R. D. confidential friend for 21 years - This was a very painful
disgrace, & I was not - I had no previous notice what was, but the Duke
writing - I am sure you would not have turned the most elegant & most
out of doors, after 21 years service without some little civility attached to
his dismissal - He the Duke to me D. R. D. friend - his confidential friend -
turned out upon the wide world, with a letter to the Ministers, & the reputation
of friend - How for D. R. D. might think he had any claim upon Mr. Perceval
I cannot pretend to say - But, at a time when the Duke of Clarence was,

to my certain knowledge, during the ministry & their measures; in so much,
that I had thought it advisable to send applications to the Treasury
in D. R. I. behalf; to suppose, that Mr. Pounce was to grant D. R. I.
a favour, would appear extraordinary - And as to myself, I had no right
to expect any thing personally - however, Mr. Pounce was very civil to
^{write} ~~write~~ ~~me~~ ~~in~~ ~~reply~~, ~~to~~ ~~me~~, ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~very~~ ~~kind~~ ~~to~~ ~~me~~. I should be extremely obliged
to you, if you would give me your definition of friendship - You have a
right to give that, which is favourable - Now for mine - When Cicerius
Gracchus was condemned, & Laelius asked Cicerius P. P. who was
his chief friend, what he would have done for him? He answered -
Every thing! - And, what if he had commanded thee to do just the same?
Laelius? He never would have said that command a word, replied
Cicerius: But what if he had? said Laelius: Why, if he had, I said
the other, I would have obeyed him - I think Cicerius Gracchus,
would not have sent Cicerius P. P. a lawyer with the wicked word
with only the bare stand of friend to support him - Now let
me have high standing Roman names, & have recourse to the
stands of our virtuous ancestors - When I spoke some few days after
my dismissal to the D. of P. D. I flew out into the most
bitter rage, & said, Do you mean to treat me so? I was obliged to
be silent & acquiesced - Some little time since, I wrote D. R. I.
a letter, in which I stated my situation, when D. R. I. I am sorry to
say, treated me with the utmost indignity - What can the Nothing
can be so unworthy of a well bred soul, as to pass away life
in squabbling & scuffling with every one whom we - we must be all

peace both mankind, if we mean to pass our lives happily. I studiously
 avoid disputing or quarrelling with any one. I have no contentions, even with
 my servants, whom I esteem as never disagree. *God bless the Good.*
 A man must become a warrior, who is torpid under injuries of the
 greatest magnitude. I mean not to stand in silence. But it is
 in my power to oblige the Duke of Clarence to pay an enormous sum of
 money into the Treasury. *H. R. D.* had continued my services. He
 would have been a gainer by the war. *H. R. D.* would, by this time,
 have me? surely £2800 had there is upwards of £2000 more, which *H. R. D.*
 would have ultimately me? through my means. But that is not all -
H. R. D. now could have had such a faithful servant, a power with some
 such brother. Say that without fear of being staid a vain Coxcomb -
 know it to be a fact, it is incontrovertible. He has nothing to reproach
 me with. *H. R. D.* owes me upwards of £500. and I am distressed
 beyond measure - yet I dare not ask for it, without the expectation of
 some unpleasant circumstance arising in consequence. I have
 studiously avoided it. But having taken, last Lady Day, a House
 for which I pay £52.10 C. Ann. I fitted it, in expectation of living here
 the remainder of my days. I must now prepare to dispose of it -
 having no means of maintaining myself in it. When I sold out
 of the army, why did not the D^{ty} tell me that I was no longer eligible
 to *H. R. D.*'s service? When I applied for increase of salary, why did
H. R. D. give it to me? When I applied two years ago to go to Spain
 or Portugal, why did *H. R. D.* & M^{ty} London approve of me? He
 said, what with the Duke do without you. I replied, if *H. R. D.* is
 contented with my services, I am satisfied - Thus I was returned,

and domiciled in D. A. B. Family, whom I expected to remain
till my life terminated my service - When the Duke of Cornwall
told me, that the King would not give any more appointments
in favor of the D. of Cornwall, I am sorry to say the Duke of Cornwall
dismissed me from his family - The Duke of Cornwall desired
me to read the pamphlet of the 17th of 1745. I read it - I discussed
it with D. A. B. Said there were passages in it, which were
sententious, by some letters I had by me, and it appeared to
me, that it had been written with the concurrence of the
Duke of Cornwall - D. A. B. went to talk with the Duke of Cornwall,
on the Duke of Cornwall asking D. A. B. if he had read the
book, he replied, yes, & Dabryph says, you wrote it.
The Duke of Cornwall should not, I think, have committed
me, as there was no occasion for it - The Duke of Cornwall
could not possibly forgive me, for such a declaration - The
Duke of Cornwall was censured in the book, & my zeal for his
service had me to say what I did - but it was in confidence
I had done! all this power & credit - I am ashamed of it - But
why was the man who has devoted his life to him? why treat
him like a beggar? there must be no alternative but War
and War in all countries, & in all ages. and their differences arising
in their Physical powers, their Education & their Moral distinctions.
Character is a great principle, & the worst who is without character,

is a contemptible being - Every man, who supports himself with
honor & integrity, let him be placed in any situation of life, is
entitled to respect, & he has a weak mind, who does not enforce
it - There is not a manumitted Slave, who does not receive
some mark of benevolence from his Master, whom he served -
But I am turned out of a great Princes Family, after 29 years
service, without any consideration whatsoever, excepting an
useless letter - This is a lamentable tale, My Dear Sir, and
I believe I am a solitary example of such a catastrophe -
When I come to see my honest Garrison, let him say, what must I
say to those who make inquiries into the cause? The Duke of Cornwall
has turned Dabryph out of doors after a life of service, & debased him
into poverty - No man will believe it - Some hidden cause will be
supposed to have occasioned it - What the cause is, I don't
enquire, with a Pref. that produces him £1200. per An. - & who lives in
the neighborhood, is he to be supported, & a reward of the
Duke of Cornwall's to be suggested? Dumouriez, who understood, was
for having the reserve of the army in Ireland, in case of any emergency,
placed in one of the highest mountains of the country: & he to be
punished for his military talents, which were employed against the
interests of this country as long as he lived out? & The Duke of
Cornwall's mind to be void in want of subsistence? there are striking
circumstances! But with all the violence & virulence of what I do not know
of the D. of Cornwall against me, I believe a string or two has been pulled, behind

the same. Why, I do not know. But now I think, you will say, what do you
mean by whether grievous? I shall wind up by saying - In the first place,
that no unfavorable impression has been made of me, or the mind
of D. P. D. The Deputy who, I have always held in the utmost esteem
& respect. And who, I hope, has been satisfied with my conduct, which D. P. D.
has so often approved - I have repeatedly received marks of D. P. D.'s
approbation for my abilities - If therefore you could take a favorable
opportunity, to state to D. P. D. my situation, & humbly to solicit, on my
part, D. P. D. to speak to Mr. P. in my behalf, I should think
that I might be placed in a situation, that would save me from the
disgrace that awaits me, & enable me to support myself for the
remainder of my days, with, at least a tranquil mind, which I have
but seven months, has been in a constant state of inquietude.

I would not take up your time, by calling on you, but if you would have
the goodness to acknowledge the receipt of this letter, & just satisfy me,
that the Prince will be favorable to ward me; you will confer a singular
obligation on My Dear Sir

with sincere regard

Your Obedt^o acquaintance,

Epston

Obedt^o & Obedt^o servant

Oct. 22nd 1811

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