

Ed. Stanley to T. Tyrwhitt.

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Winwick June 5th 1871

Dear Tyrwhitt

You will not perhaps have entirely forgotten the conversation I had with you in the course of last week at the H. of Commons when I stated to you the commission with which I was charged by our President to endeavour to obtain the distinguished honor of the name of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent as Patron & Honorary Member of the Linnean Society, or in any other Mode that might be considered as most respectful from us, & most consonant to the Character & Station of H.R. Highness. In pursuance of this object I requested Dr. Smith to furnish me with a written statement of the wishes of the Society in order that H.R. Highness might more clearly understand their nature & extent, & be the better enabled to form a judgement upon the propriety or otherwise of his condescending to gratify them. This paper I had the pleasure to receive, & had the

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to transmit to you, who were so good as to say you would
endeavour to learn for me whether such an application
would be disagreeable to H. R. H. & if not, in what manner
it would be most proper that it should be made.

I cannot but confess my earnest hopes that the decision
may be favourable, & should feel highly gratified in com-
municating to Dr. Smith that our Society were to be
honoured by so distinguished Patronage.

I flatter myself you would have had the goodness to
explain to H. R. H. the circumstances of our Meeting in London
at the very time when he would be informed that I had left
town. I trust he would be inclined, from such an
apparently ~~flagrant~~^{positive} contradiction to doubt of my devotion
to him, or of my readiness at all times to obey any of his
Commands, but the fact really was that I had left town
for ten days or a fortnight with my family, & had only arrived
in London that morning, literally alone & totally unprovided, for the
sole purpose of giving my consent in the Committee of the Lords,
to set off again that night, or, at farthest, the next.

I will venture to ask when you write that you are?

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out of charity communicate any news that may be stirring.
You are on the spot & I am 200 Miles off. You may therefore
conceive how acceptable any intelligence will be, in such
times as these, & particularly when one knows how much one is kept
under deception. Pray direct to Lancaster, which will go
in a day or two. Believe me to be

Dr. Tyrwhitt

Yours sincerely
Stanley

5 June 1811

Mr Thomas Spalding
Carlton House
London



Mr. S.