

R. B. Sheridan

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Cavendish-Square
Thursday Oct 16th

Sir

The unvaried & protecting kindness
with which you have so long regarded my
private situation and circumstances (placing
wholly out of the question all political
considerations) induces me to address to
you these few frank lines. I hate
to intrude myself upon you respecting
small matters especially when they relate
to myself. but the truth is that while
I am on the point of parting with my
Theatrical Property on an arrangement
which would leave me ^{discharge} from a single debt
to any one earth, & give me what remains
of my life to the exertions of my own
pen & I trust ~~to~~ active exertions in your
Mr. Highwell's service, I find my hopes
thwarted by disputes in the Committee
under the act of Paul & the main
cause of which is a difference of opinion
respecting the merits of the candidates for
building the new Theatre. a Difference

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and a difficulty which I am confident
your Royal Highness' interferences
would immediately settle, but yours
alone -

The Particulars I cannot
presume to trouble your M. H. with
in writing, but I will have the
honour of attending your commands
in the morning -

Your R. H. S,

most devoted
& grateful servant

W. Sheridan -