

J. Ryan & Lady Collins

Enclosure.

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"When 'tis known that Lady Collins and her daughters are the intimate friends & Associates of a family deservedly detested & shunned by every loyal subject in the Kingdom - a vile mixture of Jews & rank Jacobins; - a family where even the Children are, from their Infancy, taught to hiss the name of our august & revered Sovereign with contempt, to deride his Infirmities, and to cherish disaffection to his Government and hatred to his family: when, I say, this circumstance is known, what will the World think of such a Connexion? - No one who wishes well to the Royal family, and knew the Wardles as I do at present, would have the least intercourse with them.* - Had I known them at first as well, I would just as soon have engaged in the family of a Despard or a Margaret Nicholson. Since I began to know their real Character, I have studiously avoided all freedom or familiarity of communication with them as much as possible. I have faithfully & conscientiously discharged my duty towards their Children, tho' I could not help abominating the parents for their detestable principles - principles from which every well-disposed mind must shrink with abhorrence, and this opposition of sentiments & principles was the true & only substantial ground of misunderstanding between us, whatever other they may now chuse to allege. - Taffy and Skimflint are perfectly sensible there was no other in fact."

"Lady Collins
Frederick's Place,
Bognor."

"J. Ryan, &c."

* Our acquaintance commenced and the transaction was managed principally by the agency of a third person, employed, as I afterwards found, by Col. Wardle.

