

A. Colman to F. Col. McC Mahon

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4. Melrose Place, Westminister Road.

My Dear Sir,

The day before yesterday, I had the pleasure of an interview with Mr. Henry Harris, who informs <sup>me</sup> that I am to expect (as I did before) a decided opposition to my Memorial, from the Proprietors of Court Garden Theatre. He tells me, also, that his Father has written to you, on the subject; & as far as I gather from him the contents of the Letter, there do not appear to me any formidable arguments against my cause. Trusting that it will be permitted me to rejoin to them, I shall throw upon paper such reasonings as occur to me, for your inspection, on your arrival in London: till when I hope nothing will be laid before the Prince Regent; - for I presume you will think it most eligible to collect all that all the parties can have to state, & then submit the whole to His Royal Highness's consideration. This mode, I conceive, would be less troublesome to the Prince, certainly more for my interests, and

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perfectly fair towards all.

Mr Sheridan is, I understand, on a visit  
for a few days, at Oatlands; & as you are so  
nearly on your return, may it not be as well to  
defer my conference with him till you arrive?

Have the goodness to favour me with one  
line, as to your sentiments on this.

Mr H. Harris does not think it necessary that  
a Covent Garden Proprietor should attend a  
general meeting of parties, his father's sentiments  
being made up, & fully before you.

Believe me, my Dear Sir,  
very gratefully, & truly yours,  
J. Colman