

Mr. Whitbread

Oct. 31. 1811.

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My dear Sir

By attending care & pains to complete
the Business we have now & that, so nearly
accomplished, must be my apology for
the liberty I am about to take. but
the Honorable has informed me that a
list of subscribers ~~is~~ preparing under
your friendly direction towards the
rebuilding of the Theatre: and I feel
so sensibly that such a list under the
auspices of His Royal Highness the
Prince Regent would at the present
crisis be most conducive to Her Majesty's
interest that I cannot refrain from
stating so much to you.

The meeting yesterday went off
well beyond expectation, & if ^{such} ~~of~~ ^{support}
up by a strong appearance of
the Business will be done. My great
doubt be the excuse for any further.

Sherridan knows nothing of my writing, and
I had rather he should not.

I am, my dear Sir
Very faithfully
Yours
J. Wilkes

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