

- Horn to Sir John Macpherson

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3, Leicester Square the 13th of March

1813.

Dear Sir John

As the fine weather is now coming on and with it a cheering Prospect opens to me for revisiting a Country which a long Stay has endeared to me. I addressed a few days ago a Letter to Mr. Cooke of the foreign Office of which I beg leave to lay a Copy before You as far as it occurs to my Mind.

Sir

I have read with the highest Satisfaction Mr. Vansittart's financial System of which you had the goodness to give me a Copy. It is in perfect Union with an Essay upon public Credit from the Pen of Sir John Macpherson and published by me in French and German with some Additions in 1795 at the diet where it met with uncommon Approbation and of which I laid a Copy before You some Time ago together with a Letter which I wrote on the Subject to Sir John.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's Plan if published throughout the Continent will clearly prove from its practical Results that Great Britain and the English Constitution so effectually

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supporting the united Rights of Nations Freedom and of public Credit is the Ally to which every independent State ought to look for the best support of their own Interests -

From the year 1789 to the year 1811 have I laboured both in the quality of a volunteer and public Agent on the Continent to render the best Services in my Power to my King and Country -

My everal and voluminous Labours have I fear rendered my Representations less effectual than they might have proved had I been more incommunicative and left it to the Friends of Government to obtain my Information by Enquiry but after all as far as I am personally concerned I am not sorry for what I did as I had no other Object but the public Welfare in View -

I conclude by disclosing to you that I could not render very essential Services to my King and Country aided by the financial System of the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the System formerly so much admired at the diet of Rastatt which I have ever looked to as in Fact a British commanding Influence over all the Courts of Germany and in the true Spirit of the

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real Project of Pittsburg in 1791 so well understood and embraced at present by the Emperor of Russia whom the Prince regent so appropriately denominates the Liberator of Europe.

If however after all it should not be in the Contemplation of H. M. Govt to send out any Person for the present or to employ my small Abilities then I beg Leave to request Permission to go abroad with my Lady and that you would be pleased to continue to pay my Allowance into the Hands of Charles R. Broughton Esq^r as a Stay of 36 Years in Germany has rendered me rather partial to its Customs and Way of Living while a protracted Stay in this Country would neither agree with my Health nor Finances. Should afterwards in Proc^s of Time H. M. Govt think proper to call my Abilities into Action I shall ever be ready and happy to display for the Interest of my King and Country that Activity and Zeal for which I was abroad so much distinguished -

I remain &c. &c.

The 15th of March

Dear Sir John

I was obliged to break off the by the
Arrival of dispatches from the Continent which are of a most
extraordinary Nature. On the Intelligence at Frankfurt on the
Meyn of the defeat at Wilna the Inhabitants sung in all
public Places God save the King and Rule Britannia the
threatened with Gen's arms but was told the Times
wer over and that he must tumble in his Turn. Generals Army
lost between Ratisbon and Leipzig by Desertion 6000 Men which
reduced it from 23 to 17000 Men. of 100,000 Min Cohorts only
12000 are yet embodied: The German Princes are recalling the
few Men left and it is thought Bonaparte will be obliged to order
all his Troops out of Germany in Order to give them a new Spirit
beyond the Rhine

Copy of a Letter
from Mr. Kern to
Sir John Popham on
15 March 1812
containing a great
number of news
which has been since
verified by Smith