

24 March 1813
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Mr Wilkie's Picture

Newman Street March 24th 1813

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Dear Sir

The picture which the Prince Regent honoured me with His commands to commission Mr Wilkie to paint for him; with that Princely liberality - by saying - "let Wilkie make choice of the subject - take his time in painting it - and fix his own price": is at N^o 29 Phillimore Place Kensington, Mr. Wilkie's residence.

I have frequently seen the picture in its progress to its finish; its subject is a youthful company playing at Blindmans Buff: you will find the subject is supported with that perspective every ^{where} appropriate to its character - life with mirth and good temper, is seen in every group, and in every figure - it places the painter in this class of art preminent to the Flemish schools in mental capacity, and is not inferior to them in delineation - it does honour to Mr. Wilkie and the country.

With great respect I have the honour to be

Dear Sir your much Obliged, and
obedient Ser^{vt} - Wm^r West

Gen^l - Turner }

cf Wilkie's
letter of
Sep. 27th
No. 20906
24 Phillimore
Place.

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