

Mrs. John Tarnan to Col. McKeaton.

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Sir

I hope you will, not think me ungrateful
that I have not ever ^{before} written to thank you
for your great kindness, in writing to Mr. Morris,
for me - the reason, alas, that I have been
very ill indeed, since then, which I hope
apologise for my neglect - I have seen
Mr. Morris, and settled ^{my engagement} with him. but my
unlucky fate still persecute me; you of
course know sir, that owing to the disputes,
an ~~and~~ the proprietors, the Haymarket
Theatre, is not likely, to be opened, this season.
God help me, I believe, I am not to be permitted
to get a living here indeed, I am almost
broken hearted! I have struggled a long time
with repeated disappointments, but I fear they
will soon be too much for me! Yet whilst
I ~~live~~, believe me sir, I shall never cease
to bless you, for your kind ~~and~~ ^{kindness}, to
me & mine. - indeed sir, you can not imagine
half the affliction, I am struggling with!
Oh, that I could but obtain an engagement
at either of of the ~~Western~~ Theatres, tho' but an
inferior one, (till they found I merited a better)

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What a blessing, it would be to me, & my
dear children! May pardon me Sir, I know
my misery, makes me troublesome, but
consider Sir, there is not in all this lower
that creature, who has felt interested for
me, but you Sir! - my Husband, brought
to London, with, with him, a good stock of
Books, & Linen, but he was oblig'd to pledge
the greater part of them, before, he left
London, to procure bread, for his family
and tho' he has always, been accus'd, to
appear, and conduct himself like a gentleman, &
he is now divided from his family, and
(as he wrote me word yesterday) almost with-
out a coat to his back! - God God, what a situation!
may I presume Sir, to solicit your Interest
with Mrs M. Mahon, to employ, me with
a little plain needle work? indeed I should
be very grateful for it, for tis all I have to
depend upon, and now I can scarcely get
any, - Mr Sawceth, did say, that when
there was a vacancy, at Court Garden,
I should have the preference but I have
no Interest! - Oh, Sir, think, what a

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word, from you, effected, for me with Mr. Hoag
and so it would be with Mr. Harris, or
Mr. Sawcett, if you would again condescend
to trouble yourself about me, - if I might
be permitted, to speak to you sir, you would
I am sure, pardon, the great presumption I
am guilty of - God knows, I do not wish
to live in Idleness - nor to be longer, a burden
to my friends, if I could but obtain an
Engagement, to work for my family!
I most respectfully, do I entreat Sir,
that you will honor, me with an
answer to this, even if it is to say
that, you cannot comply, with my request
but that you forgive my presumption, and
the trouble, I have given you - may
God bless, and reward you sir, for all your
goodness to me, is, and ever shall be the
Sincere prayer of Sir, your much obliged
and truly grateful Sir

M. Farnau.

10 Cleveland Street
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To the Right Honble
S. M. Ashurst

Carlton House



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