

Mrs (M.) O'Brien to H.R.H.

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London 8th October 1813

Sir

The amiable & refined sensibility, I have seen your Royal Highness so frequently evince, upon a variety of occasions; joined to the flattering attention you bestowed my Mother's friends with; as well as your Commercements & good nature to myself emboldens me to hope your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to pardon my presumptions in addressing you & making your Royal Highness acquainted with the peculiar & distressing situation, I am thrown into, by the determination of a law suit in which I have been involved for ten years to recover the arrears of an Annuity left me, by my husband during my widowhood, which had accumulated to some thousands & which having had a decree in my favor I had every reason to suppose I would have had from ten to twelve thousand pounds; as my lawyer Mr. Beauman & several others assured me that there was a sufficient fund for the payment of my just claims - but through some mistake of the law & acts decreed by Lord Mansfield to people who had been at law with the property - the fund is become unproductive

and I was some weeks since to my extreme astonishment
 may, almost instant communication, informed that I was not to
 get more out of the property than two thousand pounds, in lieu
 of my furniture; which was chargeable on some lands purchased
 by my husband. Which sales were set aside by Lord Mansfield
 Every guinea of this two thousand pounds I owe, & have given
 up to my Creditors - so that I am thrown upon the world a
 very poor - as whatever fortune my Uncle left, Mrs Mansfield
 thought proper to scatter it between her own, & his relations
 in such a way, that it could be turned to no other advantage
 than merely to support ^{my} that time - my share was only
 between four & five thousand pounds -

This, Sir, is my most unfortunate
 situation & I am so well convinced of the humanity and
 benevolence of your Royal Highness's excellent mind, that I
 look up to you with confidence, that you will not permit me
 to be thrown a beggar upon a wide & reflecting world
 from your Royal Highness's Grace some means of support
 from others I could not accept it, though I was throwing

I cannot conclude this without offering
 your Royal Highness my sincere congratulations, upon the
 fortunate & brilliant achievements, which have so happily
 crown'd since your Majesty which must afford sensations

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of heart felt participation to every loyal mind, but particularly
to those who have the supreme privilege & happiness of being
personally acquainted with your Royal Highness —

Permit me once more to implore
your Royal Highness's pardon for intruding myself upon
your attention — but feeling conscious of the sincere attachment
I have ever had for your Royal Highness, & the unfeigned interest
I have always felt for your health & welfare, I am the more
induced to hope you will excuse this liberty & remain
with fervent wishes for your happiness —

Yours Royal Highness's
Most Respectful & Devoted
Humble servant

M. Murray

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