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Oxon

22^d Oct. 1813

My dear Sir,

Though confined to my room by a
very severe fit of the Gout which has been coming
on for months; I cannot resist the occasion of
humbly submitting to you a few lines which
I conceive may tend to my country's glory
The unparalleled achievements of the Marquis
of Wellington having enabled him to enter
France in its most disaffected quarter, great
events may be expected - Ever since the war of
La Vendee the whole of the South of France
proposes but one feeling & that is for the
Restoration of the House of Bourbon. This feeling
strengthened by the appearance of a great &
powerful Army may be cherished to perform
miracles and if the Hero of the age ever

immortal Wellington should not in his
 wisdom have superior objects in view, the
 road to Toulon cannot be disputed with him
 & aided by our blockading Squadron off that
 Port, the whole of the enemy's Fleet and all the
 naval stores which are immense must fall
 into our hands. This my dear Sir is not the
 dream of a visionary but founded on a
 knowledge of the subject attained by a residence
 of ten years in that part of France & were I
 able even to walk I would instantly embark
 as a volunteer in Lord W's Army for though
 I am "nobody" here like a log upon the water
 yet there I could point out persons & places
 that might be serviceable - I ought to apologize
 for presuming to offer my opinion but I have
 a precedent in a Common Soldier who hinted to
 Turpin that two pieces of Artillery on such a
 height would do great execution which being
 done enabled that General to gain a complete
 Victory

As Parliament is about to meet for the
 purpose of supplies I take the liberty of suggesting

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what I conceive an easy mode of raising them
& I may surely say that my poverty ought to
make me a financier being the mother of invention
I wrote to Mr. Parrott & Mr. A. that I
had a plan of raising a considerable sum without
any tax or impost whatsoever that if he pleased I
would communicate it if adopted I hoped he
would not think one shilling a Centum too much
I wrote twice but the Chancellor wisser than
Mr. Pitt or Lord Melville treated the offer with
silence & contempt - My Plan is this, I found
on the late that the King is heir to all those
who die without heirs. Now in the Bank
there is an immense sum of money which
has been accumulating for a century under
the head of stock & unclaimed dividends upon
it I would therefore propose that God. S. D.
take the whole of such stock & the amt. of all
interest thereon in which no dividends have
been claimed for 20 years by the inference
that the parties are dead & security
might be given to the Bank to refer
any sum that might be legally claimed

I must observe this money belongs to the
Sovereign but as I foresee many objections
that would be started, it might make the
Prison Regent very popular, by proving
this right, & renouncing it for the public
good

I shall be happy to furnish you
with any further details on these points
should you commence the object feasible
but so coming through you would get
them just easiest

Have the honor to
my dear Sir

Your most grateful
& faithful servant
J. B. [Signature]

22. 10. 1794
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