

Ed. F. Skive

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My Dear Friend

I am really very happy that you thought of writing to me & that I happened to call at the moment you was sending the line. I went immediately to the Strand & not finding — there I walked up into the New Road & inquiring how there came back again, by which my health is much improved —

I told him that I was deeply hurt & wounded, by any thing which He might think more was at all disrespectful to the Prince or bringing him into the common columns of a Newspaper. That He knew my opinion on that subject as a King & a man of rank & Honor even if the Prince were a stranger, but when ~~He~~ H. N. H. had as He Perry himself had so recently recorded and led all other Princes to record, shew the generosity & manliness & kindness of his Nature in his conduct towards me, that He Perry should three days afterwards brushy his paper with

that kind of stuff - I told him I never presumed
to interfere with the general politics of his
paper - that I had never interfered for
Lord Balthus & his Knights of the Bath,
more especially because He had there
written as a Politician against Ministers
but that He knew any least well
enough to be sure that it was
disrespectful to me in the extreme
to see what had been put in today
& what He had presumed to insert -
I told him besides it was beneath
the Character of a paper addressed
to Habermas & liberal men, & unworthy
of an Editor who was a man
of talents & a gentleman -

He answered that my arguments
were of no use tho He did not
presume to interrupt one and

Let. F. Skive

That in the month of the year in the
Kingdom would they avoid, & that in
mine they were thrown away, as
He could refuse me nothing & that
it should be suppressed

If I find you at home I will tell
you what it was, as He gave it me
read

Yours ever affectionately
J

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Lord Bute

after 1813