

Ld. Palmerston to F. Hatson

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Private

War office 20 aug 1818

Sir,

I was sorry to find by your note of yesterday that there had been a mistake about The Word; The error however was not wholly mine, as the copy intended for the use of The Regent and which is always distinguishable from the others by having the days of the week inserted as well as the days of the Month, was sent, and the copy omitted was one of those intended for the use of the departments to which these papers are sent.

I have today set right the mistake; But in reference to that part of your note in which you state that you are

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Commanded to express to me the  
"Surprise" of His Royal Highness at the  
omission I was supposed to have made,  
I feel myself compelled to say that it is  
quite impossible for me in the official  
situation which I have the honor to  
hold, to receive through you, any  
expression of The Regent's dissatisfaction.

I can assure you that in saying this  
I do not mean the slightest disrespect  
to yourself personally, and I am  
persuaded that upon reflection you will  
at once admit the propriety of my  
feeling upon this subject. — I do not  
think it necessary to trouble The Regent  
upon this occasion, because I am

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Confident that this explanation will  
be sufficient.

I have the honor to be

Sir yr obedt servt

Palmerston

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