

Dr. Cyril Jackson to H.R. & A.

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Sir,

The fear of being troublesome
has kept me silent - for I am always
jealous of every thing but may bear the
appearance of my trespassing too far
upon your goodness - otherwise assuredly
I sh^d. have taken up my pen, almost at
the instant, to have said of the second
letter, as I said of the first, that I read
it again & again with the most real
pleasure & satisfaction - It was, like the
former one, a real & undigged trans-
script of the feelings of your heart -
& those feelings were in every particular

Such as I could have left with them to be.
You paid the tribute of sorrow, when it was
justly due with plain & simple sincerity - without
the least tinge of affectation, or that I may
say - your own word, of ostentation. Be per-
fectly convinced, Sir, that no such computation
has ever yet been listed at, nor will it ever.
On the contrary even in these times (wretched
times I do almost call them) there has never
been a whisper of the sort - All descriptions
of her have been uniform in their praises -

I sh^d. be very sorry however if the
feelings of that melancholy moment were
to continue to agitate & depress you - At the
same time I sh^d. be still more sorry if you did
not continue to cherish them - You have now,
I believe, seen Death for the first time - And
there are many reflections w^{ch}. it would neces-
sarily & naturally suggest w^{ch}. ought not on
any account to be allowed to banish from the

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mind - (I wish them rather - I suppose them
often to occur - I will take away their
melancholy of their expressions - I leave
them only their seriousness - And believe me,
I, seriousness is in itself rather unpleasant
I am so cheerful - I wish on the
other hand having things out we are people
enough to call pleasant & cheerful are
in truth neither the one nor the other -
I was not from Royal Highness now of their
recovered this -

I am happy to hear from every
Quarter that things have gone on in
the very way what I have been describing.
That the frost snow has gradually passed
down - I left behind it a trace of serenity
and indeed but not of melancholy - that
both your health & spirits will soon be

equal to all the plague of trouble ^{with} away,
you - for in very truth I believe that the
expensive Sessions of Parliament will
furnish a certain quantity of both -

I hear also from all Quarters,
& I had almost said by every Post, something
that delights me - your new set of bandages,
& I must add too of judicious bandages on
your part - The very first favour ^{and} ^{was}
in your power to confer (I mean that ^{with} you
conferred on Major Genl. Taylor) was hail'd
by all as a Tribute from your heart to the
memory of the Parents you have lost - I
never thought the Plural Number - but so it
is - Both are in reality lost to you - And
I am not of all delighted with the bandages,
& delicacy of your behaviour to your Sis-
ters, & not less so with their Gratitude.

I repeat as I said before, so I say now.
I always know you, when you act from the feelings of
the ^{right} hand, & will always tell you that you will do -

I crowded the left Page, I'm be-
 cause I would not write serious matters
 with lighter ones. For I might not long
 wait my pen, without paying my thanks,
 for the many marks of kind remembrance
 which I have received from your Royal
 Highness. The second Page was even superior
 to the first. which I had scarcely thought could
 have been possible. - But so it was -

The Books too gave me much amu-
 sement - tho' I was disappointed at finding in
 the life of Standaert, nothing that was new
 or that I did not know before. - But I was par-
 ticularly gratified by finding among the
 eight two or three Numbers of L'Esprit Gris.
 I had occasionally seen one or two Extracts
 from that Publication in News Papers or
 Reviews - But if I had not actually read a

Number or two I sh^d. have gone to my
grave without leaving the exact length
to our ignorance, stupidity & carelessness
to be carried -

I suspect I see that these left books
or in fact belong to the general flock
of reading w^{ch} you are so good as to provide
for those who love the honour of busy life.
I am at the Pavilion - I sh^d. have written
to demand their shares - I take the opportunity
by therefore of Lord Anson's going back to
return them - The Papers of James the 2^d.
the Evelyns, & the two Vols. of John D. of Marl.
brought from Royal Highness permitted me
I think to place on my own shelves - The 3^d.
of the D. of M. with I suppose be soon published.
But on this subject will you permit me, to
be venture on a further representation - The
North West Passage or rather the Polar Seas

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have been long an object of infinite curiosity
to me - I am not quite satisfied with what I
have heard of one of the late expeditions.
But as I understand that each of the Comman-
ders & also a Mr. Sabine who went out with
one of the Exped^s are going very soon to
publish authentic accounts of their proceed-
ings, may I hope that you will readily be
willing to read them -

I am perfectly assured when I see
how much I have scribbled - your Royal High-
ness will think that I have probably well got rid
of the fear of being troublesome -

I am in with every sentiment
of respect & gratitude - & affection

Your Royal Highness's
most dutiful

& most devoted Servant.

(S^g. Jackson.)

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I have not shed many tears for the
Queen of Hungary - I confess that lady
was my complete aversion, during the whole
time of her being in this country -

I end at last with my usual
good old words - God bless you, Sir -

W. Jackson
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