

Jos. Day to Sir B. B. Baufield

A.A. No. 763

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Maldon
20th February 1819.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the Honor of your Note Dated the 17th instant; stating that my Pamphlet had been laid on the Prince Regent's Table, but that His Royal Highness had not in consequence thereof, given any commands.

I lament Sir, that it had not seemed to you to be proper to mention the subject of the Pamphlet to His Royal Highness. The Novelty, Utility, and Grandeur, presented in the Idea of a Telegraph constructed on the proposed Plan, might, I humbly conceive, have induced His Royal Highness to cause due Inquiry and Experiment to be instituted, in order to ascertain whether the Contrivance in question, be capable of being rendered actually efficient or not.

I venture to assure myself Sir, that if you have condescended to peruse the Pamphlet, you will have perceived that the Electro-Philosophical Principles which I

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have quoted from the Writings of eminent Authors, have not been controverted by more modern Authorities; and, in addition to the Testimony of The Honble W. Cavendish, (quoted by Sir Humphry Davy in his Elements of Chymical Philosophy, and referred to in a Note, page 14 of my Pamphlet) it will be seen by the Copy of Sir H. Davy's Letter to me, appearing page 43, that with a certain degree of "Expense and Labour" the Attainment of the chiefly contemplated Object, is admitted to be possible. May it not be asked then, what Object of any important description, is attainable without Labour and Expense? and also, what Object that is in itself practically impossible and Unattainable, can be accomplished by the uttermost application of either or both of those Means? — Sir H. Davy, surely therefore did not intend to represent that this part of my Plan is impracticable; since he Admits that Labour and Expense can effect it.

With regard to the possible efficiency of the proposed Nautical Communicator, that, I humbly submit, does not appear to be liable even to well grounded Doubt; and its obvious Utility may render it of vast importance to His

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Majesty's Navy as well as to Navigators in general; in support of which belief, I beg to refer to page 45 of the Pamphlets.

Allow me therefore Sir, on the behalf of Science — on the behalf of Millions of Men whom Your powerful Association with regard to the establishing Nautical Communicators, may be instrumental to the saving from Death by the Waves, in Nocturnal Darkness, — most earnestly to supplicate, that by obtaining well founded impartial opinions, and by procuring the results of sufficient Actual or Analogical Experiments, You will satisfy Your Mind whether my Suggestions on the important Subjects in question, are merely Visionary, or, on the contrary, are worthy the Honour of being Patronized and Adopted by a Liberal and Discerning Prince, who is deservedly held by all the World to be the Munificent Encourager of Useful Arts; You will then, I confidently trust, act accordingly.

I have the Honour to remain, with high Consideration,

To
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir Benj^m Bloomfield Bart. M.P.
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Sir
Your most Obedient
and most humble Serv^t
Jos^h Day.

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