

T. H. Croker to H. M.

Mar. 12 1822

A. A. No. 1010

22825-6

12

Sire

Your Majesty was graciously pleased to express a wish that I had communicated to your Majesty my intention of publishing Lady Hervey's letters. — This condescension obliges me now to apprise your Majesty that I am about to engage in a publication of a similar nature, but which is more likely to interest your Majesty. I

I mean

mean the correspondance of the cele-  
brated Mrs Howard, after wards Count-  
ess of Suffolk. - Your Majesty knows  
better than any one, [for I have often  
had the happiness to hear Your  
Majesty allude to it,] the history  
of that celebrated Lady; and your  
Majesty can appreciate the interest  
of a correspondance, with Pope, Swift  
and Gay, with Lords Peterborough  
Chesterfield & Bath and with the  
Duchesse

J. H. Croker to H. M.

Mar. 12 1822

A. A. No. 1010

22826

Duchesses of Buckingham, Marborough  
and Queensberry — to say nothing of names,  
secondary, in that brilliant age, but which  
would have been of great splendour in  
any other.

These original papers have  
been placed in my hands by Lady  
Londonderry, the grand-niece of Lady  
Suffolk, for the purpose of selecting  
a volume for publication — a task,  
which I undertake, with the zeal which  
I have for this agreeable branch of  
literature, and with the respect which  
I feel for the great names involved  
in the correspondence.

I trust that I need hardly  
say that I should have been, at  
all

all events, careful not to expose unnecessarily the peculiarity of Mrs Howard's situation at the Court of George the second, but it is right to apprise your Majesty that there is, in the papers, little trace of that peculiar situation, and that in the intended publication less will appear, on this subject, than the public are already fully apprised of.

With humble excuses for the great liberty I take, I lay myself at your Majesty's feet with assurances of my being, Sir,

Your Majesty's,  
Most affectionate servant  
& most dutiful subject,

Admiralty  
March 12<sup>th</sup> 1722.

Whiston

Duke of Wellington to H. M.

A. 4. No. 1011.

22827-8

London Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 1822

In obedience to your Majesty's commands the Duke of Wellington saw Lord Liverpool immediately upon his arrival in town; and afterwards Lord Londonderry; and made them acquainted with your Majesty's wishes respecting the employment of Mr Benjamin Thompson as a foreign Professor.

It appeared to both that to vacate such an employment would be attended with great difficulties. Lord Liverpool thought that Mr Thompson would not accept the Professorship.

I remark even if there was an opportunity  
of removing Mr Foster; and that for the  
whole the most desirable because the most  
simple and natural arrangement was the  
appointment of Lyton. He as well as Lord  
Lonsdowny proposed his readiness to promote for  
any arrangement which upon discussion  
should be found advisable; but it appeared  
that Lord Lonsdowny had to create a vacancy  
in the Admiralty by forcing Mr Bell  
to retire and accept a Pension, and then

Duke  
I am  
line  
was  
in  
how  
of  
for  
the  
and  
the  
how

Duke of Wellington to H. M.

A. A. No. 1011.

22828

I introduce to Benjamin Bloomfield with the  
view in consequence of great vacancy to make  
would occasion very important discussions  
in Parliament, in the course of which all the  
various topics connected with the retirement  
of Mr Benjamin Bloomfield would be brought  
forward by the Opposition.

I appeared to the Duke of Wellington to be  
ought to see to Benjamin Bloomfield  
and endeavour to persuade him to accept  
the offer of the post of Ceylon. He Duke accepted  
him with your Majesty's command and  
see by

towards him; of his eventual prospects of an  
herb Peerage and of admission to the Bedchamber  
and he urged him to accept the post of Captain  
making use of all the Speeches which your Majesty  
should be should make use of, and seek  
others as suggested themselves. This was  
said, and arose out of the conversation.

Mr. Nepean expressed a strong sense of  
the Obligations he owed your Majesty; and  
expressed a continued Attachment to your  
Majesty's Person and Interests. But he  
declared his firm Determination not to accept



22829 - 30

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in answer to the  
 observations that he had submitted to the President of  
 Jamaica, that Captain was nearly equally respectable  
 in his conduct, situated in a more healthy climate  
 and highly honourable as a publick trust, and  
 had been filled and had been sought after &  
 was now filled by one of the most distinguished  
 General Officers of the Army, and that as a military  
 Man he could not decline the call of his  
 Sovereign & the such a situation, he said that  
 he admitted that when called upon as he had  
 been to state what employment would be  
 agreeable.

I have upon enquiring the Office which he had  
filled near your Majesty; he said he had  
served the post of Jamaica; but that he would  
have lamented succeeding his appointment &  
that he had on account of his consequent separation  
from his family; and that the same reason must  
induce him to decline accept any employment  
at a distance from home. He stated some  
difference between England and Jamaica arising  
on the score of the distance and difficulty of  
communication with the former. On the Military  
point he stated that for many years he had  
considered

22830

himself as no longer in the line of Military  
 employment; and that in fact he had lost  
 his Military habits; and that even if Your Majesty  
 had not been pleased most graciously to provide  
 for him by allowing him to continue to receive  
 the salaries of the Officers he had filled near  
 Your Majesty; I know the ages of his Daughters  
 and the state of his property is different in all  
 respects from that of Sir Edward Paget and I  
 have concluded it necessary for him to decline  
 the prospect of Military employment at a distance  
 from home. This is the substance and result  
 and nearly the exact words of a conversation

of a horse an hour.

The Duke did not think proper I should say  
anything about diplomatical employment, but  
he should be authorized to do so by your Majesty's  
servants; but he desired in Newjardin's State  
whether he looked any thing else; and he  
urged him to do so particularly on the score of  
the relief of the affairs of your Majesty's Privy  
Purse, which relief was particularly required  
in consequence of the sacrifices which your Majesty  
had recently undertaken to make from the Exchequer.  
The Duke can do but prevail upon him to remember  
any object; and in reply of the Duke's servants

22831-2

3

upon the subject he afforded to your Majesty,  
 my Lord, he stated that as your Majesty did  
 not intend to appoint a Private Secretary, the  
 Provision about your Majesty had been generally  
 cleared up for him, but that occasion any  
 additional change.

In the course of the conversation Mr. Benjamin  
 stated that he had kept himself quite at home  
 and out of the way; and that he had seen and  
 would see nobody. He expressed great indignation  
 at the mode in which his removal from office  
 had been described in some of the Newspapers.  
 Lord Lansdowne has been in the House

of tomorrow all the evening and night; and  
 the Duke has not seen him since he has had  
 this conversation with Sir Benjamin Bloomfield.  
 But he will see him in the morning; and if  
 authorized by and accordingly will proceed to  
 carry out execution upon Mr. Fox's instructions  
 to offer Sir Benjamin a diplomatical situation.  
 If not so authorized he will wait for Mr  
 Fox's further commands. In the mean time he  
 will urge and strive to shake Sir Benjamin.

The Duke is however upon the whole of  
 opinion that Mr Fox's party having been formerly

the  
 he  
 the  
 clear  
 the  
 what  
 done  
 with  
 more  
 can  
 accep  
 the  
 Mr

22832

pleased give Mr Benjamin to large a permission  
 to a 2d Lieut to be attached with a detachment  
 to offer of any situation which it would be  
 reasonable and proper that he should fill. He  
 there is inclined to believe that all the business  
 which can be done by his resignation, has been  
 done, if he what is not unnecessarily brought  
 out without objection; and that he is now  
 more likely to seek for and obtain suitable  
 employment if left to himself, than he is to  
 accept it if offered and pressed upon him. He  
 He mean time the generality with which your  
 Majesty has been graciously pleased to treat him

upon his separation from your family, and  
the certainty that he may be deprived of  
much that he proposes in care to be careful to  
conduct himself as I perfect his pretensions  
of your Majesty's favour must have the effect  
of inducing him to conduct himself with  
Prudence and circumspection.

All which is submitted by your Majesty's  
most devoted and faithful subject and servant  
W. B. G. G.



Faux bruits de guerre répandus à Paris  
 Le Roi de France est établi. Monsieur Feneux indisposé.  
 Les débats à la chambre des députés font un bruit  
 mais le ministère conserve la majorité. La chambre  
 sera close au mois de Mai. Alors les nouvelles élections  
 auront lieu et la chambre se rassemblera de nouveau  
 au mois de Juin. Sire,

Dès que l'arrivée de M<sup>r</sup> de  
 Tatitscheff a été connue ici, l'opinion  
 publique est devenue pacifique; mais  
 cette

22

cette disposition est de nouveau changée depuis trois jours. Quelques journaux et l'opposition ont répandus le bruit qu'un courrier de commerce arrivé de Francfort avait apporté la nouvelle que l'ambassadeur de Russie à Vienne avait officiellement annoncé la déclaration de guerre à la Porte, et que M<sup>r</sup> de Tatitscheff était chargé de déclarer au nom de son Souverain que l'Empereur Alexandre avait pris à cœur la sainte cause des Grecs, et qu'il demandait une réponse cathégorique au sujet des intentions du Gouvernement Autrichien en cas d'une guerre entre la Russie et la Porte. - D'après tous les renseignements que j'ai pris à ce sujet, il me paraît certain que ces bruits sont dénués de fondement et que l'état des choses est encore le même que j'ai eu l'honneur de l'annoncer à Votre Majesté dans mon très-humble rapport du 14 de ce mois. J'ai encore appris depuis d'une manière assez sûre que le Prince Metternich a du moins paru assez satisfait après son première entrevue avec M<sup>r</sup> de Tatitscheff.

Depuis quelques jours le Roi a repris ses promenades journalières.

La

La Majesté paraît se porter aussi bien  
que la position le permet. Son Altesse Royale  
Monsieur, est toujours indisposée sans  
cependant qu'il existe le moindre danger.

Les discussions à la chambre des Députés  
sont continuellement très violentes et orageuses,  
cependant, en définitive, le Ministère a toujours  
la majorité et obtient ce qu'il veut.

Les élections pour remplacer le  
Cinquième qui doit sortir, auront lieu déjà  
au mois de mai. - On espère que la  
Session actuelle sera close le mois prochain  
et vraisemblablement les Chambres seront  
de nouveau convoquées vers la fin de juin  
pour la Session de 1822.

Daignez agréer, Sire, l'hommage  
du profond respect avec lequel je suis

Sire,

De Votre Majesté

Le plus humble et le plus  
fidèle serviteur et sujet

Alfred

Paris le 21 Mars 1822.

M. A. Grote

21 March 1822

H. H. to H. Liverpool 822  
to Richard Bayly

22835-6

My dear Sir Liverpool,

I had just finished the  
encl'd Letter to You, when I  
receiv'd yours, relative to the  
Vacant State at Windsor, in  
consequence of the Death of  
Dr. Heath.

I am fully sensible of  
your attention, in the unengag'd  
your presence, respecting Mr. Sumner  
I therefore must peruse the  
State Prebendary of Worcester  
as it seems an accommodation  
to You, that Mr. Bagot should  
be appointed to the State at  
Windsor, as it always gratifies



The King

to

Lord Liverpool

(Accepting for Mr.  
Summer a Stall at  
Worcester, & proposing  
his removal to  
Windsor on the next  
Vacancy.

11 Ap.

1821

Summer

Ld. Liverpool to H.M.

A.A. 1018

22837

The House  
March 22 1722

(See enclosed)

Lord Liverpool has the honor this morning  
of receiving your Majesty's letter, and according  
to your Majesty's service communicated it to  
The Duke of Wharton, and Messrs of  
and company.

Lord Liverpool has since obeyed your  
Majesty's Commands, by reading your  
Majesty's letter to Sir Benjamin Moorfield

Sir Benj. Moorfield has requested Lord  
Liverpool to express to your Majesty, his  
humble Submission to your Majesty's Royal  
Will and Pleasure, his deep sense of  
the favour your Majesty has been  
generously



graciously pleased to confer upon him,  
and the pain which he must feel at those  
<sup>expressions</sup> in your Majesty's letter, which convey your  
Majesty's Displeasure, with any part  
of his conduct.

And beseech requests to be allowed to  
say in explanation of the two last Paragraphs  
in your Majesty's letter, and to prevent  
any possible misapprehension in future, that  
he is confident your Majesty will have  
the goodness to recollect, that the Advice  
most humbly tendered to your Majesty to  
abolish the Office of Private Secretary, did  
not precede but was consequent upon  
your Majesty's gracious Communication, that  
it was your Majesty's Desire to make  
a great Arrangement in your Family

Ld. Liverpool to H. M.

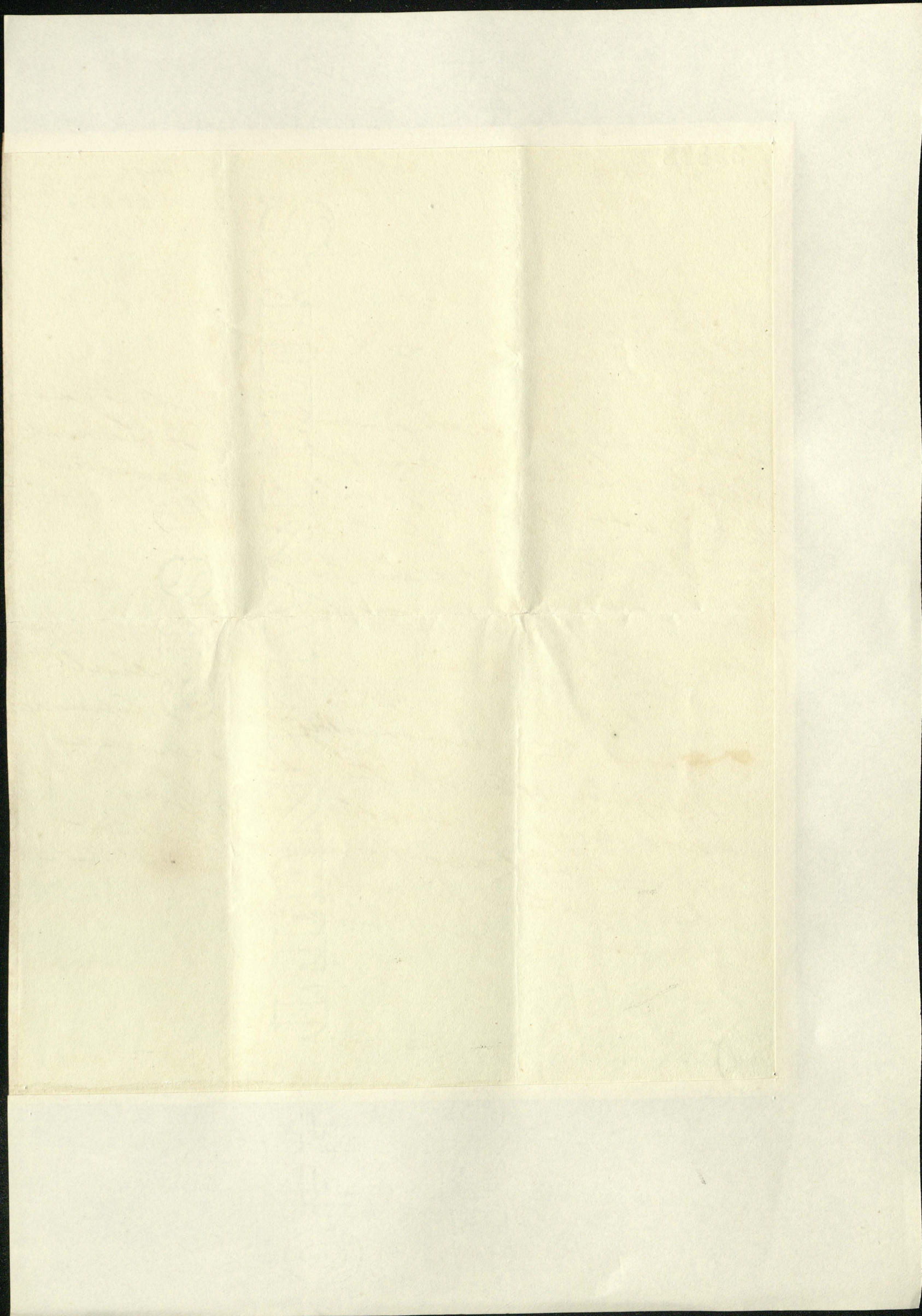
A.A. No. 1019.

22838

Ref. House  
March 22 22

Private  
and  
most confidential

Ld. Liverpool most humbly submits to Your  
Majesty, whether it may not be most advisable  
that Your Majesty should defer meeting  
Sir B. Moorfield with the Red Ribbon till  
Your Majesty's return to Dowry.  
Ld. Liverpool is induced to make this  
suggestion for knowing that Sir B. Moorfield  
wishes that Your Majesty's feelings should  
be spared the awkwardness of a ceremony  
at Brighton, after all the late occurrences.  
and Ld. Liverpool can add that if Your  
Majesty shall be graciously pleased to concur  
in this suggestion, it would be some relief to  
the heart of Sir B. Moorfield.



H. H. to H. Liverpool

Mar. 23 1822

A.A. 1020

(Copy) 22839-40

most secret & confidential

Dear Lord Liverpool

Your answer to my last letter which I received this morning has occasioned me much surprise, for I had flattered myself that in my letter to you, I had been as distinct and as correct in expression as it is invariably my intention to be, in every transaction of life.

You refer me to the two last paragraphs of my letter, of which the copy is now before me, and I have only to regret that the language of these paragraphs should appear to you so loosely worded as to admit of cavil and not to be quite free from every other meaning than the only one which it was my intention to convey.

In order to establish that correct

understanding in this transaction upon  
 which you appear so anxious, and in which  
 I do cordially write with you, there are a variety  
 of reasons, <sup>relative to this I am sure</sup> which will not fail to present  
 themselves to you, and which consequently  
 it is not necessary for me to go through, as  
 that would carry me into too wide a field of  
 matter to be comprized within the compass  
 of any reasonable <sup>sized</sup> letter, for this reason I believe  
 it will be best, & therefore I shall confine myself  
 as briefly as I can to a <sup>plain</sup> recapitulation of the  
 principal heads of this business —

When I painfully felt that I could  
 no longer with any prospect of comfort to myself  
 go on with Sir Benjamin Bloomfield upon  
 those terms of entire confidence & intimacy  
 with which I had lived with him for many years

and  
 Ple  
 sit  
 up  
 af  
 to  
 con  
 ap  
 I  
 as  
 de  
 B  
 m  
 the  
 H  
 d  
 H

H. H. to H. Liverpool

Mar. 23 1822

A.A. 1020

22840

and more particularly so, from the period of my  
placing him as I did in the most confidential  
situation near my person for the latter years  
upon the death of poor Mr. Mahon; I determined,  
after much consideration to open my feelings  
to my friend Londonderry which I did most  
confidentially & fully, and desired him to  
apprise you of the <sup>our</sup> painful situation in which  
I felt myself, in order, that as my Minister and  
as my friend, I might consult you as to the most  
desirable mode of extricating myself, Sir Benjamin  
Bloomfield, and the Government, (as ultimately they  
must also be interested in some degree in it,) to  
the credit and satisfaction as I hoped, of all parties

Here I must observe, that when I did  
thus open myself to my friend Londonderry I  
did so, with the plain and honest statement of  
the condition of my feelings at that moment, and

without having previously in the least brought my  
mind to any <sup>consideration or</sup> conclusion ~~on consideration~~ whatsoever  
as to who, it might be advisable, or that it might  
suit me, to select, as a successor to Sir Benjamin Bloor's  
much less, did the total abolition of the office of private  
secretary then occur to me, or of any alteration or change  
of any sort, in my private and domestic concerns & family.

Shortly after this communication, I had my  
first interview with you on this matter, when I went  
as nearly as I can now bring to my recollection, verbatim  
through the same details as I had gone through with Lord  
Londonderry —

In this interview, and after my statement  
I understood you to perceive the necessity of Sir Benjamin  
retiring from his situation; but that you strongly advised  
as this was the case, and as it was the opinion also of  
those you told me with whom you had thought fit to  
consult that on Sir Benjamin's retirement, the office  
should be abolished, and upon these grounds. That the

22841 - 2

power and influence which it had attained had so ramified, ~~and~~ that it had almost imperceptibly exceeded (during the period in which it was filled both by Mr Mahon and Sir Benjamin Bloomfield) beyond all bounds which were originally contemplated when that office was first held, ~~with~~ so much credit, by Sir Herbert Taylor, under my Father; to this I then readily assented; also, from the motives which I assigned to you in my last letter and which therefore it is not necessary for me here to repeat

I likewise understood you when discussing the objects which Sir Benjamin Bloomfield wished to secure to himself upon his retirement, (and of which you are in possession as written by himself to me) that you viewed the main object of these as exorbitant, wild, and perfectly inadmissible by you, as a Minister of the Crown, and therefore not to be tenable or to be justified by you, <sup>to the</sup> public, in which I likewise accorded with you; at the same time, we both united in sentiment, that such most liberal



should be tendered to & provided  
and <sup>generous</sup> ~~best~~ provision, for, Sir Benjamin Bloomfield  
on his retirement, as would satisfy my private and  
uniform ~~kind~~ feelings towards <sup>Sir Benjamin Bloomfield</sup> promoting his  
interests, gratify and flatter his sentiments, uphold  
his character, and conclude the arrangement to  
the perfect satisfaction of all parties, as to themselves,  
as well as in the opinion of the world at large, whether  
I have strictly, liberally, and honorably, adhered to  
and acted up to, this principle (if fairly considered and  
represented) it becomes me not to say, but, that, I  
must leave to you my dear Lord and such others  
who <sup>concurrently</sup> have been mixt with you in this transaction;  
and to the public, to determine.

If however after all that I have here  
referred to, I should unfortunately have misunder-  
stood you, and that it either never was, or that it is  
now no longer, an object or the desire of yourself  
or of my Government, that the office of private

228  
Secre  
Bloo  
no  
them  
pers  
com  
and  
mov  
if it  
that  
don  
(whic  
for  
try  
with  
rep  
ley

22842

should on the retirement of Sir Benjamin  
 Bloomfield be abolished, I shall acquiesce, & throw  
 no impediment in the way of this; but I shall  
 then diligently turn my thoughts to select that  
 person who I shall consider to be the person most  
 competent and best qualified to answer my views  
 and to fulfil all the arduous, and at the same time  
 most delicate duties, of that <sup>important</sup> office. On the other hand,  
 if it is still the advice of yourself, and of my government  
 that the office of private secretary should be entirely  
 done away with, on the retirement of Sir Benjamin Bloomfield  
 (which I had conceived to have been the impression of your  
 former sentiments) I can only say, "be it so," I will  
 try it, although I am aware that it must be attended  
 with great personal inconvenience.

My only object in making this long detail  
 reply and which I felt myself called upon to make  
 by the contents of your letter, is to obviate the possibility

in future, of any misconstruction upon any word or act  
of mine, through life, being affixed to, that, beyond the  
plain & literal sense & intention, by which it is  
prompted. —

With respect to the time, <sup>the</sup> place and the  
mode of Sir Benjamin Bloomfield receiving the  
Order of the Bath, I consider, that as completely  
immaterial; I certainly had intended it and wished  
it so to be understood, as a peculiar <sup>&</sup> private, as well as  
a public <sup>man's</sup> testimony, (but there is no judging now  
a days of taste and feeling,) of esteem & regard, as well  
as of grace to Sir Benjamin Bloomfield, however  
as this unfortunately does not seem to meet his feelings  
and wishes, I shall not press the matter any further  
but as it <sup>is</sup> <sup>most</sup> certainly does not suit my convenience to come  
to London, purposely, for the object of giving the ribbon  
to him, the investiture shall remain until his return  
from Iceland, & ad previous to his departure to the  
continent, according to the decision with which he

22843

has acquainted me

It only remains for me now to desire  
that the business be speedily closed, and that  
Sir Benjamin be informed of this, and the  
public be in possession of the truth. —

I am always my Dear Lord with  
great regard your sincere friend

Brighton.

Letter n<sup>o</sup>. 12 of 64.

March 23<sup>d</sup>. 1822.

Lord Liverpool +

Office of H<sup>on</sup> P. Secretary

Ld. Liverpool to H. H.

A.A. No. 1021.

22844 - 5

File House  
March 24 1822

Ld. Liverpool to H. H.

Most Private and Confidential

Lord Liverpool has had the honor of receiving  
your Majesty's letter to him, of yesterday, and  
he felt himself at liberty to communicate  
to Lord Lansdowne, and he most humbly  
 solicits your Majesty's permission, to be allowed  
to express his deep sense, as well as that  
of Lord Lansdowne, of the just conduct, and  
correct statement of all the circumstances  
connected with the removal of Sir B. Morrison  
from your Majesty's service, which your  
Majesty has been pleased to detail in this  
gracious communication.

This accord a very essential point,  
with the recollection of Lord Liverpool,  
and

hd. his

and had no intention, and had no purpose  
less to approve your Majesty, of his gratitude  
for the full explanation, into which your  
Majesty has given yourself the trouble of entering

and no purpose can never have the least  
difficulty that acknowledging, that it was his  
humble advice, and that of those of his colleagues  
with whom he was at liberty to communicate  
that the office of Private Secretary to your  
Majesty should be abolished. They had  
been invariably unopposed with the serious  
objections that existed to such an office,  
upon the principle, on which it had  
been held by Sir John Manners, and  
Sir B. Cornwall. If they had not  
previously recommended its abolition, it  
arose solely from an indisposition to stand

upon  
habits,  
your  
but  
with  
They  
an off  
Cous  
labour  
of the  
B. B.  
repro  
abol  
The  
entire  
was  
belov  
pro  
the

Ld. Liverpool to H. H.

A.A. No. 1021.

22845

upon your Majesty and a change in your  
habits, as they apprehended might be felt by  
your Majesty, as affecting your personal comforts.  
but they should have considered it inconsistent  
with their duty, after all the expense  
they had had of the inconvenience of such  
an office and its incompatibility with the  
constitution of the country, if they had not  
taken the opportunity of any change, and had  
of the change arising out of the separation of  
B. Bloomfield from your Majesty, humbly to  
represent to your Majesty, the necessity of  
abolishing the office.

The responsibility therefore of the abolition rests  
entirely upon your Majesty, confident that  
and did through trust, and sincerely  
believes, that your Majesty will feel  
no serious personal inconvenience, from  
the manner in which the business may  
now



now be transacted, but that on the contrary,  
your Majesty will be relieved from much  
embarrassment in which your Majesty  
was occasionally involved unaccountably,  
for the existence of such an office

and herewith will communicate to  
Sir B. Moorfield, what your Majesty has  
been graciously pleased to state on reading  
the Tenure of his being invested with the  
Red Ribbon

and herewith would humbly submit  
that the whole of this Business may  
now be considered as brought to a conclusion,

Your Majesty's Directions have been  
communicated to Sir B. Moorfield relative  
to the Prerogative and it only remains  
for your Majesty to give such Directions  
as you may think proper to Mr. Watson,  
respecting the Law of your Officers Papers



