

Sr W. Riegton to H.M.

Apr. 7 1822

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[to Sir Benjamin Bloomfield]

Private

Sir

I have the Honor to address Your Majesty to day, because I think it right to mention, that on my return to Town last night, I found a note from Sir Benjamin Bloomfield, proposing to see me either on Monday Evening, or on Tuesday or Wednesday morning. He had been in Town, but I take for granted that the pressure of other Business prevented him from making an earlier communication to me. - He says that he has not been well, and that this has retarded the conclusion of his affairs, &c.

views to his departure for Ireland; and that therefore, he has been obliged necessarily to defer his Journey until Saturday next. He hopes and trusts that this arrangement will meet Your Majesty's gracious approbation.

The Conversation which took place over the way, during my visit of Yesterday, made so strong an Impression on my mind, that Your Majesty will not be surpris'd, that it should have been followed with the deepest reflection, and the result of which, I now wish most humbly to lay before Your Majesty.

It appears to me, that the object of getting rid of the inordinate power that had been placed in the Hands of a single Individual,

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has been completely accomplished;— the end
therefore which Your Majesty and the Ministers
had in view, has been entirely obtained.

What I have therefore to propose, may
perhaps at first startle Your Majesty, from
the apprehension that it may give the appear-
ance of a vacillating character to Your Majesty's
late measure; but if it be carefully exa-
mined, in all its bearings, it will have
no such tendency, either in point of principle
or fact.

Previous to the death of Sir John Lubbock,
Baron, Sir B. Bloomfield, was as much
in reality, Your Majesty's domestic Secretary,
as he has since been Your public one—
under these circumstances, as it will in:

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I can see no new expense, why should not Sir
B. Bloomfield, re-occupy that station again,
for I plainly perceive that it will be quite
impossible for Your Majesty to go on any
length of Time, without a private pen &
Ink constantly at Your Elbow. Neither the
Government, nor the Public, can have any
thing to do with such an arrangement; &
You completely exclude all the Inconveni-
ences of Power from such an Office, by
its domestic Character. Let Lady Long
have the credit of this alteration, - &
more especially with Sir Benjamin; put
the Business, if You please, into my hands
to negotiate; let no explanation be given to
any one; Sir B. Bloomfield is still in

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Your Majesty's Family, as Living Curse, & therefore little, if any, attention will be excited by this altered arrangement.

I now come to the strong practical objections to this measure, as connected with Your Majesty's own private feelings, in relation to Sir B. Bloomfield's Temper.

I am ready to confess, that this unhappy imperfection, made me for a moment pause — more especially, as I believe it to have been the leading motive that influenced Your Majesty's conduct, throughout the whole transaction on the late occasion.

Nevertheless, I feel satisfied, that as all power & authority by this arrangement will be almost annihilated, that the

frame of His mind, will assimilate itself to this
new condition of things.

I beg now Sir, to speak of myself. — There is
no personal attention, there is no sacrifice, there
is no pain or penalty that I am not ready to
undergo, to show my sincere devotion — my affec-
tion, and the real purity of all my motives,
in what relates, to Your Majesty's Happiness.

Moreover, Sir, I think I may also safely
promise, to be a barrier on every occasion,
between Your Majesty's feelings and Sir
B. Bloomfield's Temper, if it should require
any other control, than that, which His late
experience may have taught Him.

Your Majesty may believe, that

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Your honorable, gracious, and most affectionate conduct towards myself, has produced an attachment, which nothing ever will obliterate —

May I humbly ask permission to suspend for the present, Sir B. Bloomfield's Journey to Ireland! —

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

With unfeigned sincerity,

Your Majesty's most obliged
Subject and Servant

W. Knighton.

Sunday six o'clock

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Private

Sr H. Knighton to H.M.
at St. James's Palace

Sir

I have this moment had the Honor of receiving
Your Majesty's most gracious Letter, and I feel as
I should do, the condescending & affectionate atten-
tion, which Your Majesty is uniformly disposed
to show, to any suggestion or opinion of mine,
when connected with Your own private feelings.

Let me assure Your Majesty, that I never
approach You under such circumstances, with
any other view, but to contribute to Your
Majesty's security, and what may be termed,
Your probable Happiness.

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On this late occasion throughout, & up to the
 period of my last letter, I have always acted
 entirely, without any regard to self, and under
 the influence of my Judgment, rather than of
 my feelings; and if Your Majesty will be
 pleased to retrace step by step, what has
 happened, during the progress of this delicate
 Transaction, I feel assured, that Your Majesty
 will be convinced of my uniform consistency.

In every thing relative to life, there
 must invariably be a mixture of good and
 evil; pain follows pleasure almost as a natural
 consequence; and whilst we derive the sweetest
 consolation from our efforts to do, at the
 moment, what we hope to be right; yet
 alas! it too often happens, that silent circum;

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stances arise to wound our Bosom, and destroy
our Peace.

I receive Your Majesty's gracious decision
in opposition to the opinion which I had ven-
tured most humbly to express, without saying
another word; because I am bound to consi-
der, that no one should presume on a question
of such great delicacy to Your private feelings,
to press that beyond a certain point, which
so essentially relates to Your Majesty's own
Happiness.

I saw Sir Benjamin Bloomfield yesterday
for some Time; His feelings & conduct seem to
be all that Your Majesty could wish.

He was much impressed with Your Majesty's
gracious kindness towards him, during his

late visit at Brighton, as well as for the feeling
evinced by Your Majesty on His taking leave;
and He dwells likewise with expressions of great
Consolation, upon what He terms, to use His
own peculiar Phraseology "the beautiful, the
agonizing, and the overwhelming Sorrow" of
Your dear Princess over the way, on His final
departure - He could not therefore contemplate
this deep regret, without being convinced of
what I had uniformly told Him, that the
Family whom He had been disposed to
look at with Eyes of Suspicion, were entitled
to all those grateful feelings, which now dwell
with such satisfaction within His Breast.

Sir Benjamin Bloomfield leaves this
on Thursday, on which day, I am again to see

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him; He then does not return to Town from
the stool, until his departure for Ireland.

I have seen that every thing has been
properly closed with Mr Gray, & I have
taken the most scrupulous care of all that
relates to Your Majesty's private affairs.

I have likewise seen Mr Protschita,
and stated to him that I was acquainted
with his late money transaction, relative
to Your Majesty. — I thought it right to
involve myself in this concern, in order
to guard Your Majesty's Character in this
Negotiation, for upon this I shall have
much to say, when I have the honor
of seeing Your Majesty — I wish to close

This letter, with three words, which Your Majesty may rely will always be descriptive of my Character -

Honesty, Fidelity, & Sincerity.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Majesty's dutiful Subject and most faithfully attached Servant

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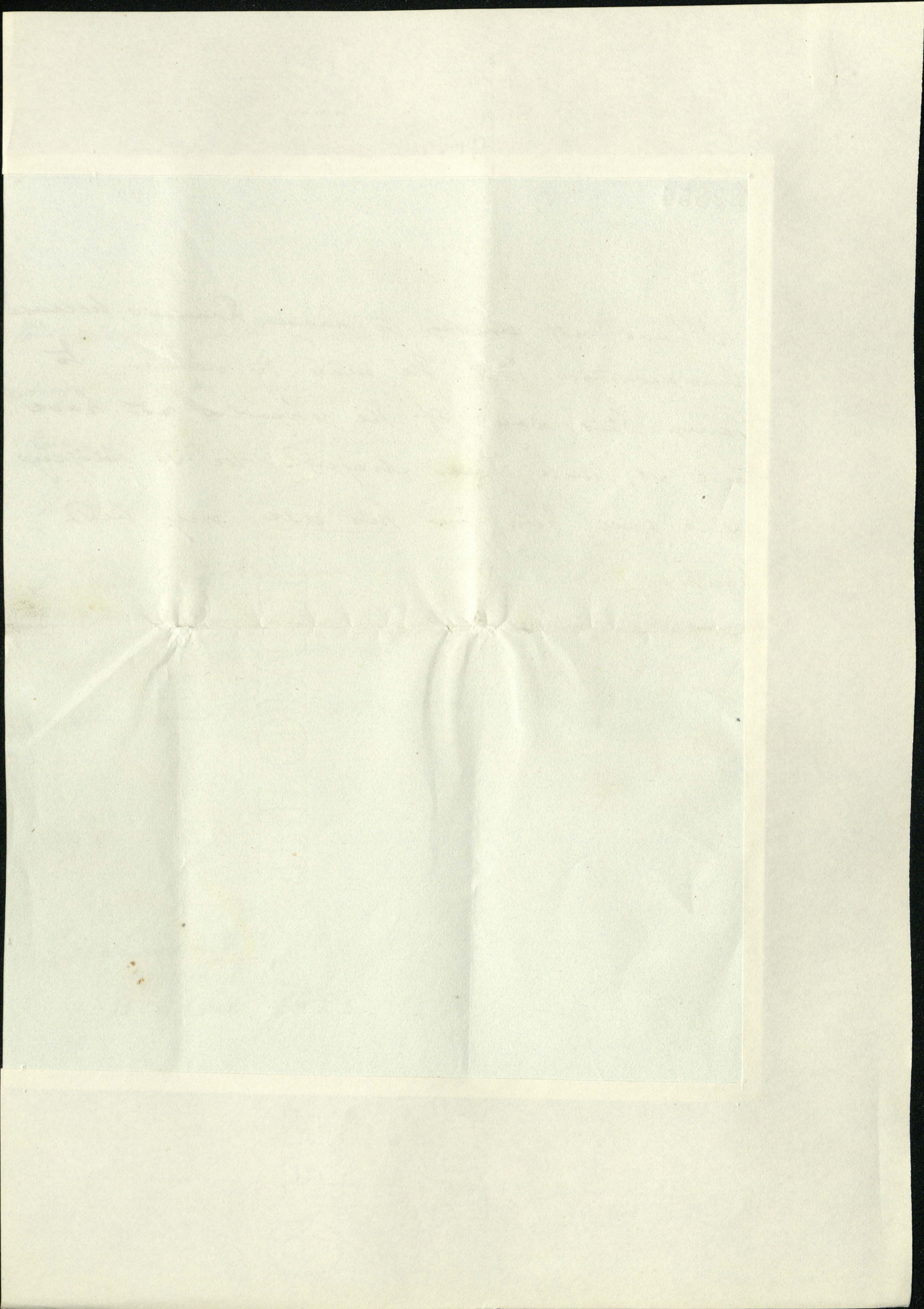
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I have not written to Lord Francis, because I understood that he was to return to Turin this day; if he should not have done so, will Your Majesty be so obliging as to give him, for his use, my best thanks. —

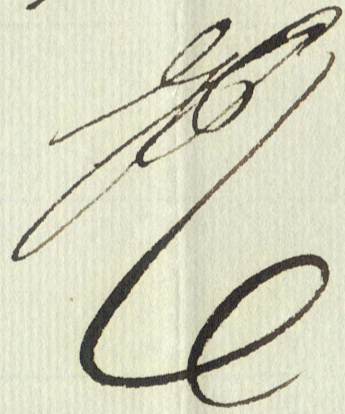


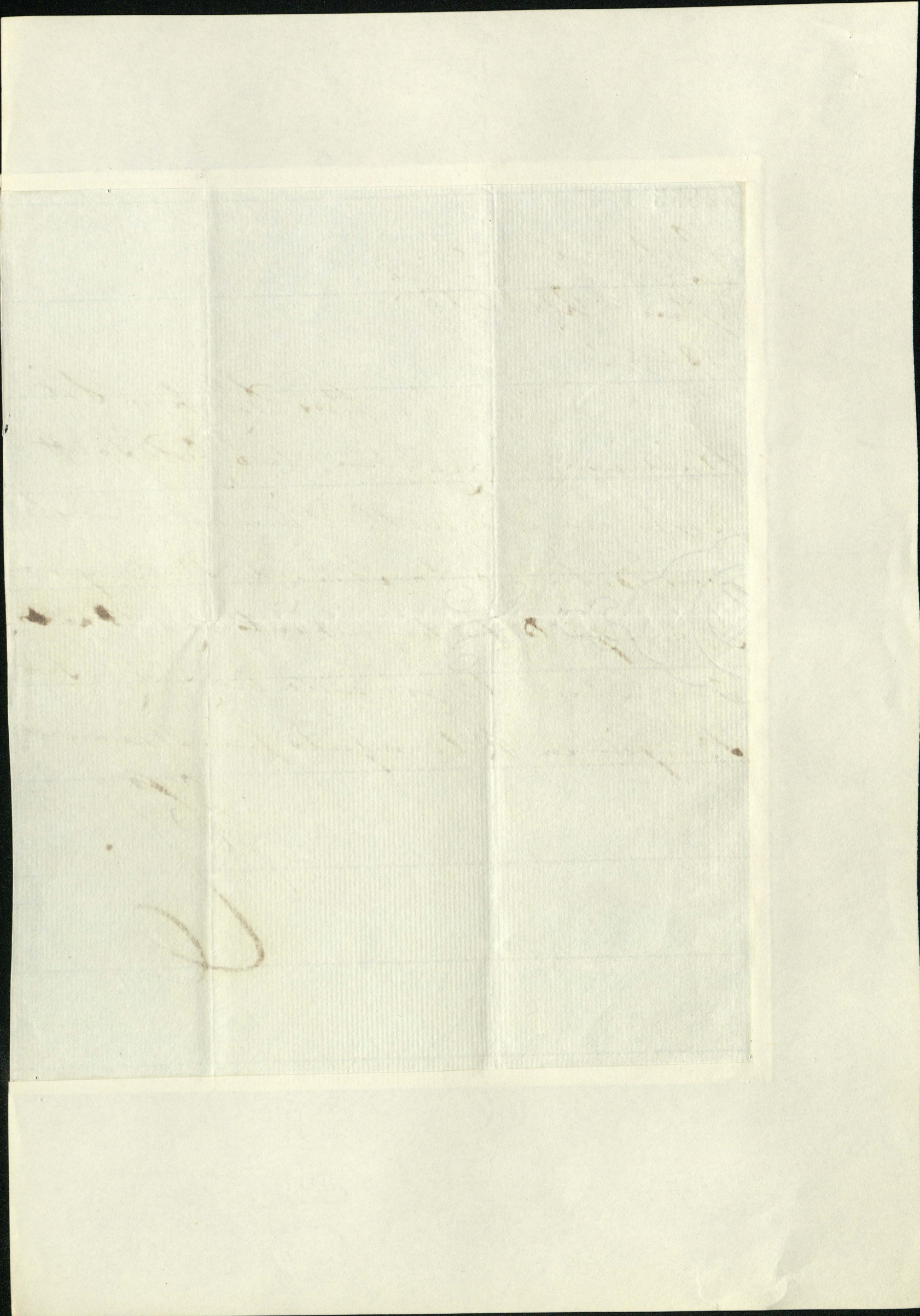
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Caston House.
Great April 18th.
1822.

Received this Day from Sir
William Knighton, two Gold Snuff
Boxes, enriched with Diamonds, which
were deliver'd to Him, by Mr. Benjamin
Blomfield to be put into my ~~possession~~.
and which Boxes, were brought by Sir
Benjamin Blomfield from Hannover.





Sr B. Bloomfield Esq.

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April 20th 1822 -

Sir

I can not suffer the Information
which I have received of your Majesty's
gracious Intention to confer upon me
the Government of Fort Charles, about
to become vacant by the Resignation
of Lord Stewart, without the humble

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expression of my gratitude for this fresh
mark of Your Majesty's generous con-
sideration; And as, with a view
to my future Life, it may be more
desirable to Your Majesty to place
an efficient Person in charge of
Your Majesty's Privy Purse, I

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approach your Majesty, with all
deference & submission, entreating
your Majesty to design to receive
my resignation of that Office; the
retaining of which, even for this
short time, has been a burden
to my Heart.

Lord Bloomfield

April 20th 1822

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That every Hour may bring fresh
Glory & increased Happiness to
Your Majesty, is the fervent &
unceasing Prayer of

Your Majesty
most dutiful &
most devoted Servant
& Subject
B. Bloomfield

Sr B Beaupfield to Sr W.
Knighton

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Private

Hughenden House

21st April 1822.

My dearest Friend

A violent cold has
detained me here, and I
scarcely hope to be able
to face the weather for a
day or two. I have a
letter from Lord Stewart
so strongly urging my resign-
ature of the Privy Purse

Sr Blosamfield to Sr W.
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upon the opportunity to
the Govt of Pat Charles; that
I have done so, & entreat
the delivery of my letter
to you: feeling satisfied
that your affection will
guard me against
any misconstruction of
the letter I have ventured
to write. I don't suppose

Lord Bathurst will make
the appointment until
Parliament rises, when,
if His Majesty would
graciously so please,
the Resignation and
appointment might
take place together,
which will be the
means of drawing little

or no remark upon un-
fortunate me. Pray, if it
be not wrong, convey to the
King that he has not a
more loyal or affectionate
Subject in his Dominions,
nor yourself a more
sincere Friend

B: Sturpington

This is the first day I have
been out -

his W. Secretary's Hand