

James Esch to Sir W. Knighton
A.A. No. 1071

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96 Great Anson Street
July 24. 1823.

Sir

In my own name and that of the other executors of the late Lord Keith I beg to mention that there is now in the Warehouse of the East India Company a magnificent Model. now put up by your Square, of an Indian Temple, sent by his nephew Mr. Alphonstone to his Lordship. The figures move by clock work.

Concerning that as executors, we cannot with propriety pay the duties on it, and thinking that it may form an addition to His Majesty's Collection at Brighton, we have felt it to be our duty to mention the circumstance to you, in case it might meet His Majesty's wishes to purchase it. It has just arrived in the Duke of Athol's East Indiaman.

I placing it at his Majesty's Command

We are not only doing what is most agreeable to ourselves
but what we believe would have been so to Lord Keith,
if he had been alive, and what is most agreeable to his
daughter & Mr. de Kabaullt and all the other branches of his
family.

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Your obedient servant

James Loch

J. de Kabaullt
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Geo. Canning to H.M.

Extract quoted by Braden & Poking
in "Castlereagh & Adams" 1964 p.312.

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Foreign Office
July 11. 1823

Mr. Canning fears that he
may appear to Your Majesty to be
guilty of unpardonable presumption,
in venturing humbly to lay before
Your Majesty the accompanying
Publication. He does not entertain
so vain an expectation as that Your
Majesty should have either leisure or
inclination

inclination to read it through. - But, if your Majesty should condescend to look into it at all, he confesses, he is anxious that your Majesty should be graciously pleased to cast your eye over a few pages in the part which he has marked, as containing an exposition of the principles which, Mr. Canning, heathily presumes to be of opinion, may best guide your Majesty's Government through the difficulties, present & to come, of the crisis in which Europe & the world are now labouring.

W. Canning has, after much doubt

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Geo. Canning to H. M.

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of hesitation, determined to take the
liberty of bringing his opinion, in this
manner, before Your Majesty; because
he has not been able to divert himself
from apprehension, ^{lest} that Your Majesty
~~might~~ ^{should} have been led to conceive that,
as the course of events & the change of
circumstances have gradually, but
unavoidably, relaxed in some degree
the bonds, by which the Great Despotic
Powers of the Continent assured Your
Majesty to be inseparably tied to
all their principles & projects, - but
Canning has been actuated (whether advisedly
or

or unconsciously / by a desire to see
the weight of Your Majesty's authority
thrown into an opposite scale. - Far
otherwise. - Mr. Canning is intimately
convinced that the true position of
Your Majesty, in the existing shock of
adverse theories & extreme opinions,
is a neutral position; neutral as much
between conflicting principles, as between
contending Nations; and that it is by
preserving that position, which belongs
to Your Majesty alone among all the
sovereigns of Europe, that Your Majesty
will at once carry Your Own People to the
highest pitch of prosperity; & be best enabled to
save the Countries from the dangers which ^{may} threaten
almost all of them in their turn

Ed. Handeuderry to H. H.

A.A. No. 1072

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Ed. Handeuderry to H. H.

Redbourne House
July 12th
1823

Sire

When your Majesty was graciously
pleas'd to grant me an audience at the
Court, I ventured not to lay open to
your Majesty my most secret thoughts
and the painful predicament in which
I felt myself with respect to my adored
Brother's Irish Honors being transferred to
another family — your Majesty's abundant
in that Coblescannon's favor which I have
never consid to experience at your hands
was so kind as to assure me that the business
being left in your hands, it should be
adjusted — as the Session is now rapidly
drawing to a close, & my departure for
Ireland, every near, and as I hear of no
settlement of this matter, I venture
The King.

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humbly to implore Your Majesty by
Your Recollection of my poor Mother's
Services, during the whole of His
labourous life, to interfere so far as
this Question, as to see Sir. George
Aick, & Lord. Newcastle & to express
to them Your Royal Regret. That in
the Moment of the Deary Calamity &
without any Communication with me
(abroad on Your Royal Service), so great
an object of political Influence & Importance
in a County which I had so long
represented, was transferred by the
Govt. in Ireland to another Family.
I can entertain no Doubt that They
would instantly attend to Your
Majestys Sentiments delivered by Yourself
upon this distressing Affair, & feel
a perfect Confidence, Sir, That Your

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Ed. Keade aderry to H. H.

A. A. No. 1072

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just mind, will see in this my
humble appeal to you, that I can be
checked by no other motives than the
Duty imposed upon me to uphold the
Memory & position of a Statesman who
loved your Majesty as devotedly as
he served you, & whose every act in
life was self disinterestedness & purity
& immolation of himself for those he
loved (for your Majesty's service) to
uphold.

Your Majesty as a Brother
would feel as I do, — Your Majesty
as the Head of a family would not
quietly acquiesce in seeing the few just Boons
obtained by my Father during a Course
of life as unexampled in Exertion as
such in Success transferred, by the

Executive of the Country to a Man of
comparatively no Importance, and
lastly Your Majesty from every feeling
of Your exalted & generous Nature
would never deny that the name of
Londonderry should be struck in
Ireland & in our own County of any of
those fair Honors from the Crown, which
have been won & accorded by Your Majesty
& Your Royal Father, for Services which
England & Europe have universally
admitted & which posterity will do
ample Justice to — If Your Majesty
with graciousness grant me an Audience on this
Subject, I will obey Yr Majesty's gracious Summons
instantly, & to save Yr Majesty's precious
Time, I have stated in these Lines the Substance
of what I wish to convey to Your Majesty's
Royal Ear & have the honor to be ever
Yr most dutiful & devoted Subject
James Londonderry

H. C. to H. C. Liverpool

A.A. No. 1073

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private.

Dear Lord Liverpool

You are already acquainted with my feelings relative to the admission, of my invaluable friend Mr. Wm. Pitt, into the Privy Council. The thing is so proper, & so just, that I wish to have no conversation on the subject; by my first Minister, I wish to do nothing but what is in unison with your feelings, as far as I can; nevertheless, there are occasions, in which

I must use my own judgment.
I feel satisfied however, the more
you consider this matter, the more
you will be convinced of its im-
-propriety. I have not strength
in my limbs, (which the result
of last night has taught me) to
provoke the Parliament in
person; I will therefore hold
another period on Saturday,
one of July.

Your sincere friend
C. H.
July 16th.
1825.
H. C.

David Wilkie (agt. Sir) to Robt. Peel (agt. Sir)

A.A. No. 1074

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Stonington July 14th 1823.

My dear Sir

On my return from the country I have just now had the great pleasure to receive your announcement of the very distinguished honor that has been conferred upon me by the appointment of Painter to the King for Scotland. in the room of Sir Henry Raeburn.

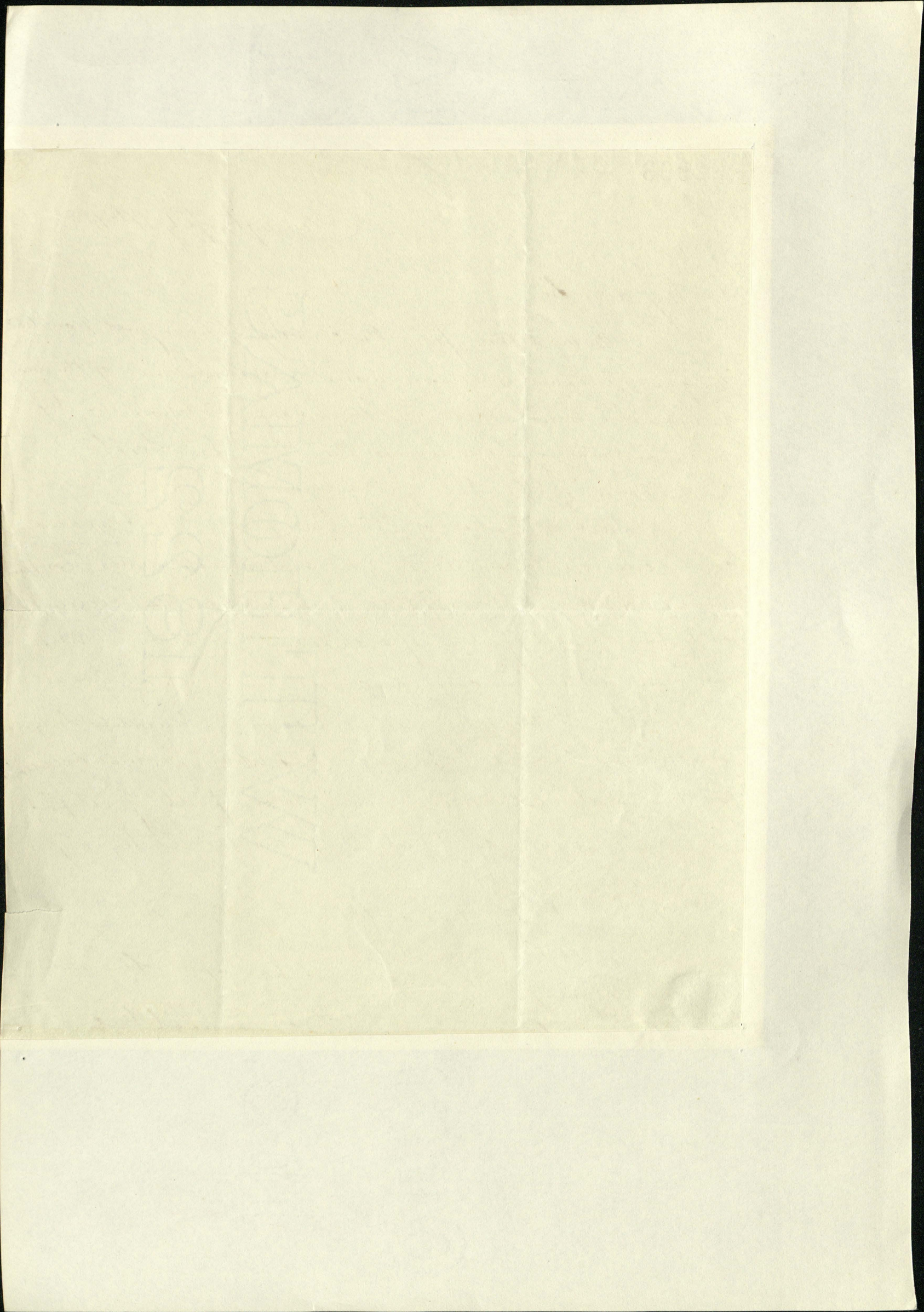
Such a Token of His Majesty's most gracious condescension towards me as a Scottish Artist conferred in so unexpected and so flattering a manner I receive with the deepest feeling of respect and devotion, and can only wish the considerations by which a Great Sovereign is thus pleased to honor a humble Subject whom his Royal Patronage has upon former occasions so materially advanced, more more fully justified by my deserts as I feel they would be by my endeavours.

I have the honor to be My dear Sir

With esteem and gratitude

Your obliged and faithful Servant
Robert Peel.
Secretary of State.

David Wilkie



Frank Dantes Dawers to Rev. S. Demainbray
(See note on back)
For reply see 34914

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D. of Cassinell
Somerset Place
22 July 1823

Sir

Arrangements being on foot for
altering the course of payment of the Allow.^{ance}
to yourself & Mr. Regard, as having charge
of the Royal Observatory at Richmond, I
am directed to apply to you for every
information you can give respecting the
Observatory, describing its nature & public
utility, and I have to request you will also
furnish me with particulars of the duties
of your own Office in regard to it.

I beg to add that I have been
instructed to address Mr. Regard on the
same subject. I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient
humble servant
FD Dawers

Rev. S. Demainbray
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22. July 1821

To Rev. S. Demaree

for information
respect. the Observations
at Richmond -

The letter that was sent
was to the same effect,
but not precisely worded
like the inclosed -

A similar one addressed
to Mr. Regard -

Ed. Hastings to Sir H. Knighthaw A.A. No. 10751

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Camden Hill
July 23^d 1823.

My Dear Sir

Upon emptying a trunk,
supposed to contain only clothes, there was found
at the Bottom the original Translation which
the Council at Calcutta caused to be made
from the King of Oude's Letter to our Sovereign.
Not having been able to discover it at Genoa,
I had imagined that my Servant had neglect-
-ed to put it up when I was leaving India,
and in that persuasion I sent to His

Majesty the Copy which had been taken from
 it for myself; As the original is in a more
 becoming form for preservation in a record
 book than that document which I forwarded
 I now have the Honor to transmit the former.

By the News-Papers I learn that the King
 purposes setting out on his Maine Expedition
 as early as the 3^d of August. I shall not have
 returned from Leicestershire, whether I am called
 for a week or business, by that time, nor will
 His Majesty probably be in Down before the day,

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Ed. Hastings to Sir H. Knighley

A. A. No. 10751

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Tuesday next, which I have fixed for running
down to Southampton. As my Plan is not to stay
more than a week in England after I get
back to London, I shall not have the chance
of again seeing the King: Therefore I beg
leave to request that you will have the good-
ness to inform yourself whether His Majesty
has any objection to my proceeding to the Con-
-tinent at the period which I have men-
-tioned. It is requisite that I should not delay,

lest I should not reach the Alps before the
Snows are to be apprehended. As in these
circumstances I am not likely to see the
King again, I will entreat you to assure
His Majesty that my fervent Prayers for
his Health & Comfort will be unceasing.

I have the Honor, My Dear Sir, to be

Your very obedient
& humble Servant

Hastings

Mr William Knighton, Esq.

Rev. S.
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Broad Somerford
near Malmsbury
Wilt.
July 25. 1823

Sir

Being generally resident on my living in Wiltshire during the Summer months, when Mr. Reginald is in attendance at His Majesty's Observatory, I was absent from Richmond when your letter of the 22^d arrived, and it has only this morning been received by me.

You inform me that in consequence of arrangements which are in agitation, you are directed to apply to me for every particular I can give you respecting the Royal Obs.ⁿ at Richmond, with a description of its nature and public utility. As I wish to answer your questions as fully as I am able, I shall take the liberty of entering a little into the history of its first establishment, and such other particulars as may best explain the purposes for which it was built, and the mode in which it has been since conducted.

When His late Majesty was still under the tuition of his Governor & Preceptors, and little more than sixteen years of age, my father was appointed to instruct him in natural Philosophy & Astronomy, and read more than one course of lectures in Experimental Philosophy before him and his Brother the then Duke of York. Several courses were likewise read by him to the Dowager Princess of Wales and other branches of the Royal Family, and soon after Her Majesty Queen Charlotte's arrival in England, he had also the honor of being appointed to attend her; and the Apparatus for his lectures was still placed in the Richmond Lodge, the principal residence of His Majesties at Richmond, when the Observatory was begun to be built.

The great Interest excited in the Astronomical world for the Transit of Venus in 1769, and for which Astronomers were sent into different parts of the globe, was probably the immediate cause of building the Obs.ⁿ. - This had previously been often talked of, but

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was not commenced till 1768. It was sufficiently completed the following year for his late Majesty to observe the Transit of Venus, (and the eclipse of the Sun which took place the following day) at his own Obs^y.

From the first design of the building my father was appointed to the charge of it, and, soon after its completion, Mr. Riquet, the father of my present Colleague, was appointed his assistant. The Obs^y was furnished with the best Astronomical Instruments that could at that time be procured - a mural Quadrant, Zenith Sector, an excellent Transit, and Equatorial. There was also placed in it a large & complete Apparatus for Experimental Philosophy, to which my father's collection was permitted to be added. In the Upper Apartments of the building was formed a Cabinet of Natural History, and many rare and curious Articles of various Descriptions were deposited in it, and which still continue in the ^{most} perfect state of preservation.

At a somewhat later period a very considerable collection of minerals were added to the collection from his Majesty's Mines in the Harz, many of them specimens of the richest silver ore, and several of a very large size and peculiar beauty.

In 1782, at the decease of my father, his late Majesty was graciously pleased to confer on me the honor of succeeding him in the charge, and for many years after my appointment his Majesty's attention to the Obs^y continued undiminished - taking the greatest interest in the improvements in Chronometers (from which nautical science has since derived such peculiar advantages) his late Majesty had generally several on trial, of which he always kept at the Obs^y an accurate register of their rates in his own hand writing.

As you desire me to state the public utility of the establishment, I must take the liberty of saying that tho' the Observatory was built for his late Majesty's own private use, the encouragement

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given to science in general by so exalted a character's con-
 -descending to condescendance it, could not be without its
 public utility - If, however, I am called upon to men-
 tion more specifically its use to the Public at present, I
 have only to say that the principal clocks at the West End
 of London, such as at St. James's Palace, the Horse Guards,
 and the Clocks at both houses of Parliament &c. &c. are
 regulated by the time taken from His Majesty's Observatory -
 Mr. Vallancey the King's Clock Maker regularly coming to
 us for that purpose - And I must further observe that
 the several collections deposited in the Richmond Obs.
 have always been open to the inspection of the respectable
 part of the Public on any proper introduction to us,
 and especially to Foreigners and all men of Science.

To your further desire to be furnished with
 the particulars of the duties of my Office in regard to
 it, I must mention that either Mr. Rigaud or myself
 are regularly in attendance on it - Not indeed residing
 in the building, for which there never was any accommodation
 or sleeping rooms provided, but we daily attend to take
 the Sun's Transit over the Meridian, the meteorological
 registers, and other matters of any interest as they may
 occur.

From my first appointment to the situation
 His late Majesty was peculiarly indulgent to me, for
 several years permitting me to keep terms in Oxford &
 receive one or two Pupils, and after I had been presented by
 my College to my present Living in Wiltshire, permitting
 me to spend a portion of the year upon it - Latterly Mr.
 Rigaud & myself have equally divided between us the
 time of our attendance at the Observatory.

I have thought it necessary to be thus particular
 in my answers to your questions, which I hope will
 excuse the length of my letter.

I am, Sir,
 Your very obedient
 humble Servant
 S. Demainbray

John James Daines Esq

Copy / 25th July 1829.

Rev. J. Remondini.

With an account of
the Observatory at Richmond,
and his (Mr. Legendre's) duties
in regard to it.

Ms. The original sent to Mr.
Forbes, at Cambridge, on
28th July, 1829, which they return
22nd by 21st.

S.P.
Rigaud
F. D.
Danvers

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Richmond Surrey July 28th 1823.

Sir

His Majesty's Observatory at Richmond is not only furnished with astronomical Instruments; but it contains, likewise, an extensive collection of Apparatus for Natural Philosophy, some valuable Models, specimens of Minerals, and subject of natural History. The charge which His Majesty has intrusted to M. Demainbray & myself, is to superintend the whole. For making Observations, especially those for ascertaining the true time (to which His late Majesty was particularly attentive) and for keeping the regular meteorological journal, as well as for attending to the Commands of His Majesty & the Royal Family, one or other of us is constantly resident at Richmond. There is no Dwelling House attached to the Observatory or near it; but we are in the habit of going daily down to it. The whole having been collected, and the Establishment having been entirely supported by His Majesty's private munificence, our first duty has been to preserve every thing with the greatest care for him, but we have been always anxious to make the World acquainted with the splendid instance of His Majesty's love & patronage of science, and to extend the benefit of it, as far as was compatible with

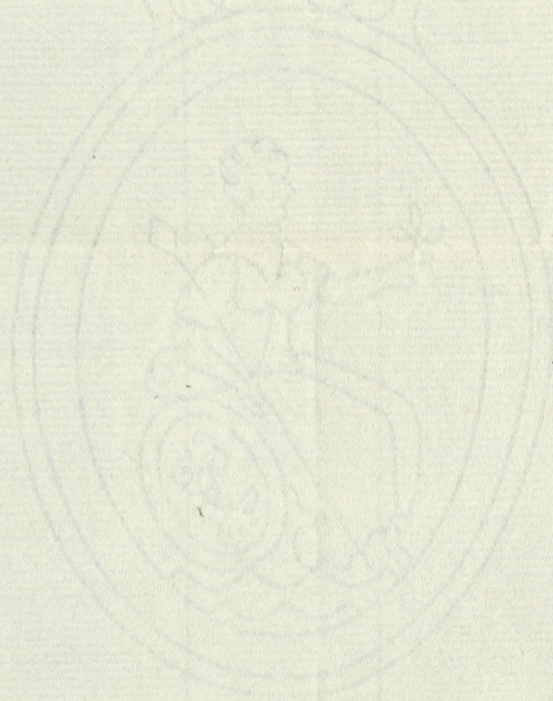
Yours

F. Danvers Danvers Esq.

the nature of the Institution. Free access has
therefore been always given to men of science,
and indeed to all persons of respectability, who
might wish to examine the collections especially
to Foreigners.

Your most obedient humble servant

(signed) L. P. Rigaud



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Mr. Deane

With an Account
of the Royal Brewery
at Westminster.

Dec. 29. when my first
draft under cover to Mr
Knox was at Hampton

F. D. Danvers to Geo. Harrison.

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Duchy of Cornwall
Somerset Place
28 July 1823

Sir

I have this morning received the
inclosed Letter from Mr. Demainbray, giving an Account
of the Royal Observatory at Richmond, and I lose no
time in forwarding it to you as you desired. I
have not yet heard from Mr. Rigaud, but whenever
his Answer arrives, it shall be immediately
transmitted to you.

I am extremely sorry I cannot give you
an improved Account of Mr. Gray's health. He
still continues in a very weak state.

I am Sir,

With the greatest respect

Your very faithful
and obedient servant

F. D. Danvers

Geo. Harrison Esq.
H H &

20. July 182

To Geo Harrison Esq
With Mr. Demme's
letter -

Done