

R. Hart Davis to Sir B. Bloomfield

A.A. No. 1085

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Sir B. Bloomfield

London

Private & Confidential

Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> 1823.

My dear Sir

From your kind & affectionate letter, which has just reached me, I learn with great satisfaction that you are gratified with the flattering & distinguished attentions, which are paid to you by the Court of Stockholm & the Swedish Nation - The King seems to be truly sensible of the advantage, which his Kingdom derives, from having a Person of such high character as yourself accredited to him, as the Representative of the great Monarch of this powerful Country.

On your part, I have no doubt, that it will be your study to fulfill the trust reposed in you to the entire satisfaction of the Swedish Court & of your own Sovereign.

Your affectionate expressions of friendship & of

The Right Honble

Sir B. Bloomfield GCB

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attachment, an very sensibly felt by me, & with  
an entire reciprocity of regard. Indeed, I should  
be most ungrateful, if I could for a moment  
cease to remember the many acts of kindness  
which I have at various times received from  
you - You may believe, <sup>me</sup> therefore, when I assure  
you, that you shall always find in me a true  
friend & adviser, ever watchful to promote  
your real welfare & best interests -

It is in this character, that I now express my  
unfeigned regret & surprise that the name  
of our excellent friend, Sir W<sup>m</sup> Knighton, does  
not once occur in your letter - I think that  
you ought to have written to him, the moment  
that you knew the effect, which your unfortunate  
letter had produced on his mind, & I honestly  
confess, that I have daily been expecting to hear  
from him, that such a letter had arrived -

I am sure, that his never-ceasing endeavours

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to serve you & your Son, deserve not only this attention, but the most affectionate feelings towards him on your part. I do not assert this at a venture, but I speak from an accurate knowledge of all that has passed, & as I made minutes at the time, I will give you a rapid sketch of all the circumstances, connected with the subject of your letter. You may remember, when this unfortunate letter first arrived, it was my decided opinion, that if your mutual friendship was to be preserved, it was most advisable, nay absolutely necessary, that I should answer it. At the same time, I was decidedly of opinion, that there was no alternative, but to lay the letter before His Majesty; in justice both to Knighton & yourself. What the King wrote on that occasion, I was not made acquainted with. Sir William told me that the King talked over the subject with great vehemence. then wrote his letter  
which



which Sir W<sup>m</sup> neither saw, nor even scald, but  
that when your answer to the King arrived,  
which was deemed highly improper, then His  
Majesty recapitulated what he had written.

Poor W. R. Gray, as you probably know, is dead.  
I am completely in the secret of the importance,  
of that most invaluable servant, to the King -  
Before Lord W. Gordon's death, our friend George  
Harrison applied for his situation, as did Sir  
W. Keppel, in the most urgent manner, by  
a letter addressed directly to the King, as also did  
Sir Hilgrove Turner -

The Government were anxious, on the expected  
death of Mr Gray, that there should be a superintending  
Man of business in the Dutchy Office, whom  
not only the King but the Treasury might rely on  
When this was mentioned, our friend K. saw  
the great importance of this arrangement to all  
the King's concerns & more especially in relation  
to His Majesty's private <sup>affairs</sup> accounts - because  
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Such a person was absolutely necessary, for the purpose of becoming as it were a voucher for his (Sir William's) own transactions.

In the midst of all this, however, he told me at the time that he had ventured to submit your name, as a suggestion, to the King; & that the answer was - "are you mad? otherwise, how is it possible that such a suggestion could enter into your head -"

I can truly assure you that He never dreamt of or wished for the appointment himself of Receiver General of the Dutchy. There is not, I believe more than £200 p<sup>an</sup> difference in the Salary, but the King very kindly said to Knighton "I will move you up in the Dutchy; for the place of Auditor will be more appropriate for Mr. Harrison, since the Treasury think it desirable that he should be there."

In relation to the suspension of your Salary, it took place, I believe, about the close of the



the time, that Mr Gray was executing the Office  
of Privy Purse, under your power of Attorney -  
My friend Sir W<sup>m</sup> when he came into Office,  
mention'd to me his distrust, that the King  
would no longer continue your Salary as Private  
Secretary; & I will honestly confess to you, that,  
friendly as I am to your Interests, my answer  
was "Bloomfield ought not to expect this  
allowance to be continued". He then repeated  
to me the particulars of the last conversation,  
which he had had with you on this subject;  
for at one time, Sir W<sup>m</sup> had hoped that it  
was His Majesty's intention to have continued  
your Salary - I again confess, that, under all  
the circumstances, my advice to him then was,  
to say nothing further on the subject, either  
to the King, or to yourself -

Some time after this arose the question about  
your Pension which became dormant on your  
receiving the Salary as Ambassador. There  
again I can truly say, that I never witnessed  
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more eager & affectionate anxiety than was  
manifested by Knighton on that occasion. He  
saw Archbishop Lushington - Ferris - Harrison  
and the whole Kit and subsequently Lord Liverpool  
but it was impossible to do any thing with them -  
He then approached the King, who has always  
been your best friend, His Majesty was kind &  
as K. said "comfortable" towards you & finally  
consented to have the Pension paid out of the  
Privy Purse - & the very day previous to my  
receiving your last letter, so full of inquietude  
& uncomfortable feeling, dear Knighton told me,  
that he had succeeded in being allowed to pay  
your Pension in full, namely the Twelve  
Hundred Pounds Yearly, without the deductions  
attendant upon it, when paid from the Exchequer.

About a fortnight before this, when some move  
or alteration, respecting the Diplomacy at  
Frankfort & else where, took place, Manning  
was graciously reminded by the King, under  
his own hand,



(which letter Knighton him self deliverd) respecting  
your Son, who is, I understand, at present a paid  
attache at 250 Fran<sup>cs</sup> at Vienna - This, Mr J  
did for him, some short time since, at the  
desire of the King, there being as I understand  
only four that are paid - Independently of this -  
There is no effort which K. has omitted, to get  
you removed to a warm climate, in the most  
eligible part of Italy - This endeavor he  
has pursued & still does follow up, in a most  
satisfactory & steady manner - My own im-  
-pression is, that he will, by & by, succeed -

What you state respecting the silly opinions  
of Individuals, namely that you had made  
a fortune, whilst you were in your late situation,  
is best answered, by the release, which the King  
gave you on the close of your accounts - The  
draught of which K. drew himself & desired  
me to consider whether stronger & more secure  
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words could be devised. I should certainly say  
not, for it was perfect in all its parts as an  
effectual & ample release. There is, as you  
know a heavy debt in the Lord Chamberlain's  
Department, arising out of the wants of the Crown,  
which must no doubt have made the Government  
uneasy, as it was contracted illegally, that is  
by an infringement of an Act of Parliament;  
but to my knowledge H. has taken this  
delicate affair into his own hands, that it  
may not become the subject of any observation.

Now my dear friend, having stated these facts,  
& feeling as I do towards you, what must have  
been my reflections, on perusing your querulous,  
& I must say, wrong-headed letter -

Let us consider the usual course of Politics  
& the common events of life, as connected with  
Courts, & then let me fairly put this question  
to you.



to you, what is there remarkable in your lot, except  
the most extraordinary & most unlooked-for good  
fortune, both in the rise & progress and even  
in the decline of the Royal favor -

Has not H. R. A. the Duke of York found it convenient  
to change his private Secretaries five times over,  
& what is their distinction & reward when compared  
with yours? Sir W. Taylor was, I believe, fifteen  
years with the late King, and is now a daily  
Drudge at the Horse Guards for less than £2000  
per An. - What answer can be made to these  
& similar cases except that your Sovereign has  
been most gracious & that your friends have  
never ceased in their anxious endeavours to  
serve you -

As to K - until I knew him, I did not rightly  
estimate the extent of the term, Friendship, nor  
what duties it comprised - when I look back upon  
his constant disinterested & most affectionate  
attentions to me whilst I was suffering under  
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the severe prostrum of a cold and most  
unexpected reverse of fortune, I can inform  
you, from practical experience, what his feelings  
always have been, what they are & what, I  
believe, they ever will be towards yourself.

I am confident you will now feel, that your  
apparently neglectful silence towards one of  
your best friends has neither been proper nor  
just.

After you had received my letter, I fully  
expected that he would have heard from you.  
He always speaks of you with the kindest  
feelings, and only suspends writing, until  
he hears from yourself, that your friendship  
is unaltered towards him.

If, after this full explanation, you should  
still prefer, that your correspondence should  
pass thro' me, I shall accept your confidence  
with pleasure.



The length of this letter will have strongly  
manifested to you my sincere desire, to set  
your mind right on many points, deeply  
interesting to your future welfare & happiness.

I shall be much gratified to learn from you  
in reply, that this attempt has not entirely  
failed of success.

Believe me ever

My dear Bloomfield

Yr most affectionate friend

(Signed) R Hart Davis —



Ld. Sligo to Sir H. Kingdon

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Kildare September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1783

My Dear Sir

Several members of the Snuff Club hearing from me that I had the pleasure of being acquainted with you have requested me to write to you about the whip which His Majesty on his Visit to the Curragh was graciously pleased to promise to give. His Majesty did bring me over for the purpose but said that it was not handsome enough and gave it to the Duke of Leinster adding that he would send over an handsomer one.



The honor he did us by this promise was  
 very sensibly felt by us and for that  
 reason I have been directed to write to you  
 to request that you would have the kind  
 help to call the matter to His Majesty's  
 recollection and to let us know the result.

Our object is to get a handsome case made  
 with a put over on chimney piece, in memorial  
 of the honor he did us, with a place underneath  
 for ivory tablets to slide in on which we  
 mean to have engraved the name of the  
 different winners each year. May I beg

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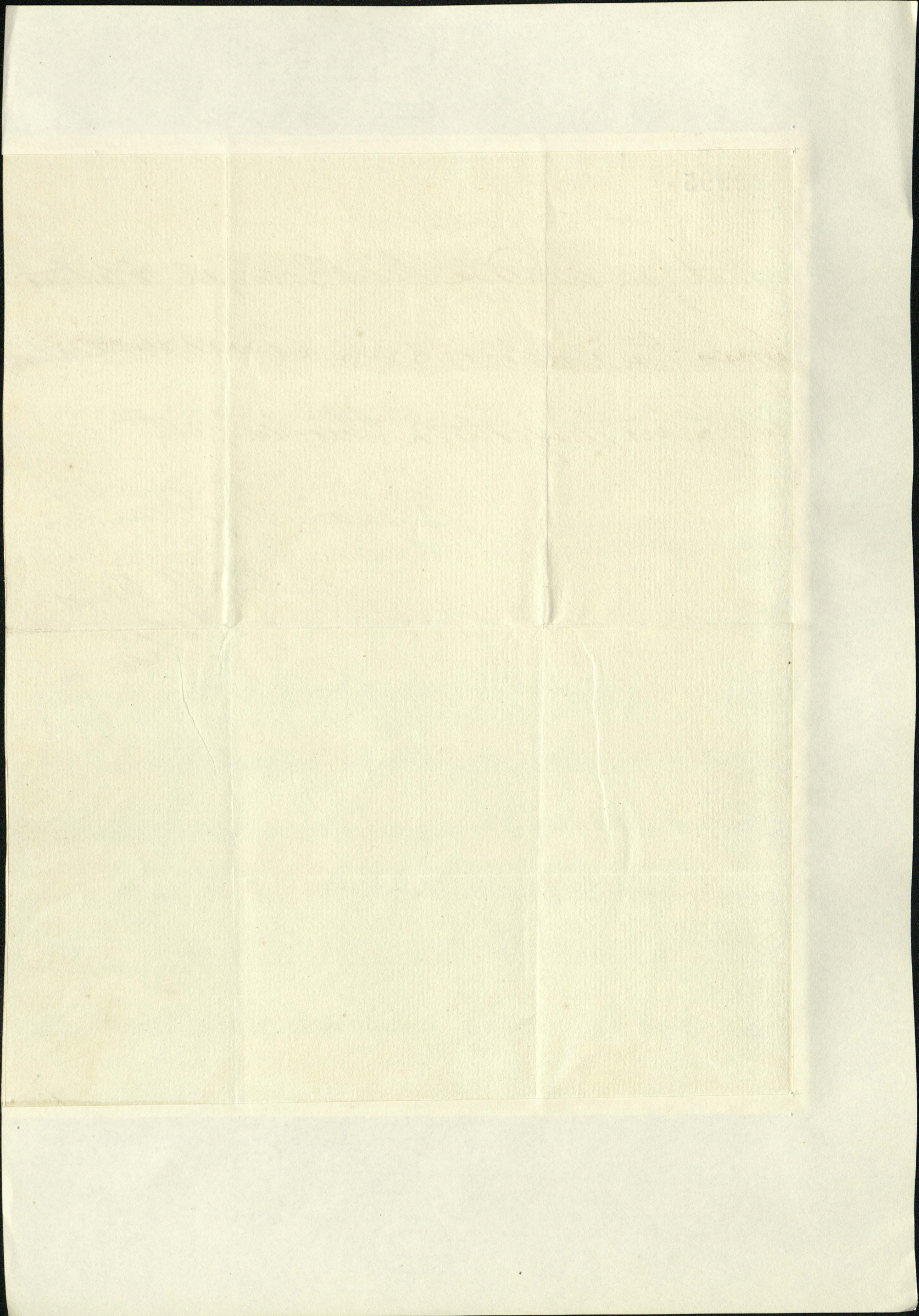
Ld. Sligo to Sir H. Kingdon

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That you would be kind enough to let us  
know the result of your communication  
with His Majesty on this subject

Remain, My Dear Sir,  
faithfully yours  
Sligo







Ld. Hastings to Sir H. Knighton

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Calais

Sep 7<sup>th</sup> 1023.

My Dear Sir

Expecting to have quitted  
England earlier, I wished to delay answering your  
Letter until I should have effected that purpose,  
for, I feared that otherwise I might be supposed  
as seeking indirectly to obtrude myself further on  
the King's notice. I may now allow myself to ob-  
-serve that no strength of expression was requisite  
to make me discard a wish which I had never sub-  
-mitted with any degree of earnestness or with a  
conception that it could be regarded as possessing



any significance beyond its being the means to do away the unfavorable impressions which might be drawn from my recent disappointment. Your simple silence would have implied that the King had not met the suggestion, and I should have thought of it no more. You will have the goodness to recollect that the topic arose suddenly out of a conversation between us. I had professed the belief, in commenting upon a Paper which you read to me, of its being as interesting for the King as for myself, that something should be done to counterbalance the appearance of an unmerited slight inflicted on me, however unim-



Ed. Hastings to Sir H. Keightley

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tentatively, on my arrival from India. In view of  
peril of Long Embarrassment & Financial Distress,  
if not of more serious consequences, to the British  
Interests in India had been dissipated by ex-  
-ertions: but this, too, was achieved when the en-  
-terprise seemed so unpromising that all the  
authorities with which I had connection avowed  
the disposition to await the maturity of the his-  
-tory rather than take what I thought the  
better chance of encountering it before it had at-  
-tained the full vigor of complete organization.  
To have dispelled such a danger even at heavy  
cost would have had some pretension to acknowledge



-ment, therefore the claim was sufficiently distinct when the object had been accomplished not only without incurrence of charge but with the addition of an indisputable future security & an augmented affluence such as the faintest hope could not have anticipated. The hazards which had been impending are stated by me as having menaced British interests generally, not the Company, alone because that description is the unquestionable truth of the case. To my Sovereign, consequently, I humbly looked for a recognition of what I could not but have some consciousness was not a common-place effort. If my Vanity exalted the service, that recognition might have been withheld; but assuredly,



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it was not an instance in which a marked disregard was deservedly applied. I sought to soothe the King's own feelings under what I knew to have proceeded from his inadvertence not from his purpose. Still, the awkwardness was not the less for me, who stood in the eyes of the Public treated with something more positive than indifference. I did believe that the King comprehended how painful the circumstance must have been to me & that His Majesty was graciously solicitous to repair the undesigned grievance. The persuasion referred itself to His Majesty's Equity, since it was visible that a disparagement of me manifested in that High Quarter would fix elsewhere the estimate of attention due to me. It is impossible you should not be sensible that the apparent neglect of me by the King gave



the tone to the Court of Directors & produced a Decision as respects  
 - factory, I am convinced, to the King as it will probably be  
 to others. This was easy to be foreseen; and the perception of  
 it caused, in the unpremeditated conversation between you &  
 me, the pointing at what occurred solely as the very lowest  
 expedient by which His Majesty could avoid letting me return  
 to the Continent under a Discredit which I must be confident  
 it could not be the King's desire should rest upon me, that  
 any importance could be attached to the name by and its  
 being a mark of favor, if conferred, was never surmised by me.  
 If that name can be a "Doubtful Encroachment," the name  
 of Stuart is open to the same objection. So little, indeed,  
 could an Impropriety be imagined, that the Duke of Bucking-  
 -ham, the Earl of Arundel, & Lord Charles Somerset have  
 each of them added Plantagenet to the Christian name of  
 children as indicative of Descent. That I, therefore, should be



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deemed guilty of an Indecent Presumption, when the impetu-  
 - tion is in its particular nature so irreconcilable to the  
 - tenor of my Life, is a singular misfortune. In another, I  
 - might apprehend that the forced construction was to  
 - justify the antecedent procedure, howsoever inapplica-  
 - -ble in Order of time. The Soul of the King is known to  
 - me to be proudly incapable of such a Policy. His Majesty  
 - has used the Phrase from a hasty & unexamined imprefi-  
 - -on: yet it is used; and, while I bow with unqualified  
 - submission to His Majesty's Pleasure regarding the mat-  
 - -ter itself, I should be disingenuous were I to conceal  
 - that the wound from those words is far deeper than  
 - the former.

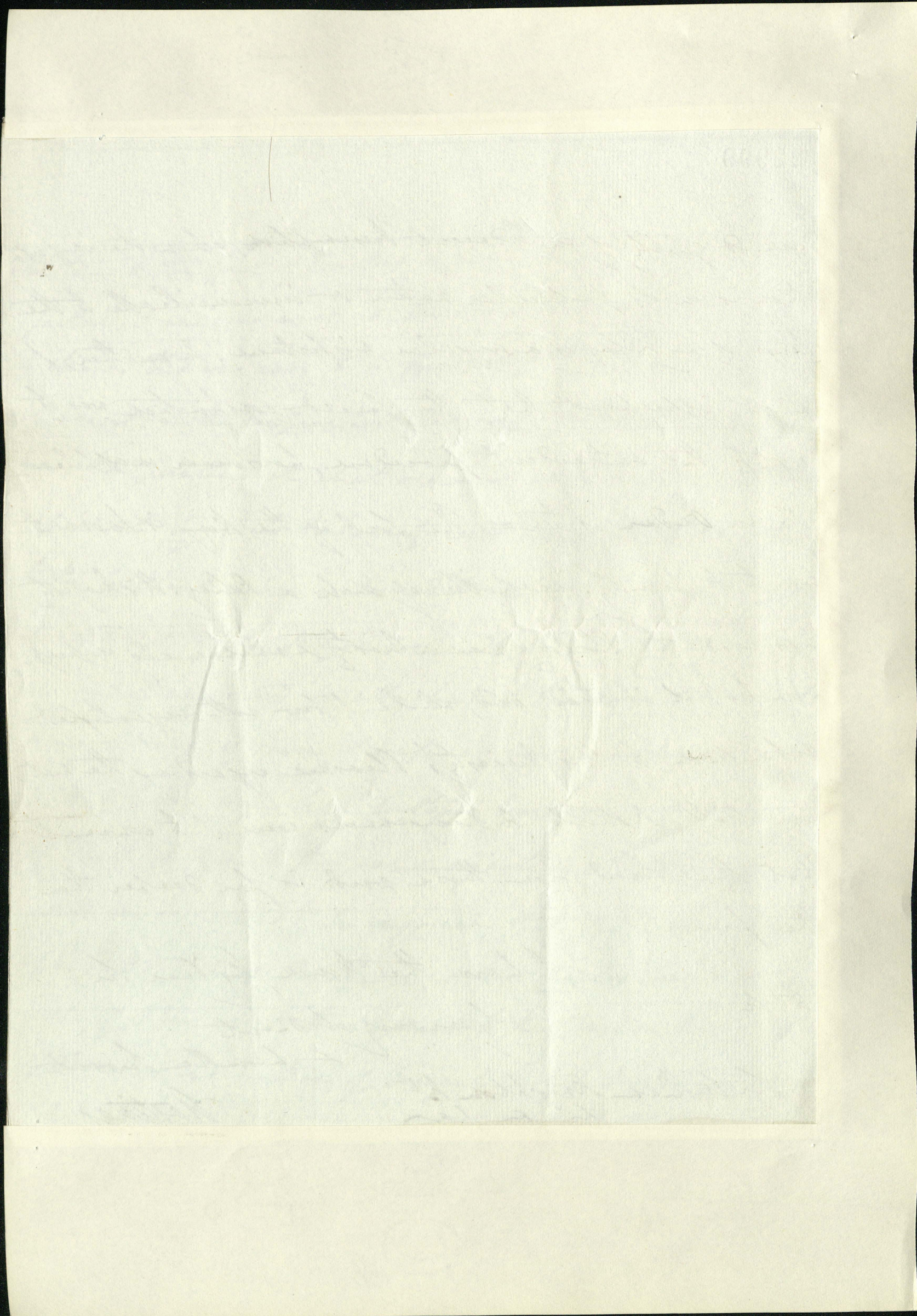
I have the Honour, My Dear Sir,

to be

Your very obedient  
 & humble Servant  
 Hastings

Sir William Knighton B<sup>t</sup>  
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H. K. to Lord Clancarty

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September 24  
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My dear Lord

My regard for you has arisen not only out of circumstances connected with your self, but is also blended with feelings of the warmest affection to the memory of our much lamented friend, poor Lord Londonderry; for I well know the sincere estimation in which he held you, & that his friendship towards you was of the strongest character.

I do therefore for you on the present occasion, what poor Lord Londonderry would have done, had he been alive; & hence it is that I cannot refrain from making the present

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Letter to Lord  
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communication to You with my own  
Hand, for the purpose of acquainting You  
with what indeed came to my knowledge  
some time since, but through a secret  
channel, quite independent of any member  
of my Cabinet; & which alone prevented  
me sooner naming it to You.

The King of the Netherlands, has  
from some caprice or other, an uncon-  
fortable feeling towards You, & to  
such a degree, as to suspend that con-  
fidence which You have, & unquesti-  
onably to his great advantage, for  
so many years, so justly enjoyed.

It is in vain to enquire what Infirm.

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imprudence or what unhappiness of  
Temper in the King, has led to this  
unfortunate  
change, but the fact is so—  
You will see that what I state is  
not mere surmise, for the King's feelings  
already developed themselves in the  
settled determination H. M. had taken,  
to recall Baron Hagel on the first of  
the new year, under the immediate  
pretext of nominating him his first  
minister;— But the scheme is  
evidently framed solely for the pur-  
pose my dear Lord, of getting rid  
of you; for on Baron Hagel's recall,  
the King of the Netherlands intends

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to send to this Court simply a mission.

Now in the present state of Europe  
this is decidedly wrong, as well as  
disreputable in the greatest degree.

Under these circumstances & with my  
feelings towards You, I could not remain  
silent, & I therefore recommend to You  
what our poor Londoners would have  
done, namely to advise You to desire  
Your recall without delay.

No one You may believe regrets the  
necessity of this more than I do, & it  
is but fair & just enough distinctly  
to state, that Mr. Lanning regrets it  
equally with myself; for when I



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conversed with Him on the subject, which I thought it right to do, He said that your conduct as a Minister since He Mr Lansing had held the Seals of the Foreign Department was every thing He could wish & that you had His entire confidence.

The peculiar & unfortunate Temper of the King of the Netherlands, we need not again refer to, as it has more than once given rise to the most painful vexations.

I shall however do all in my power to make my decided approbation of your conduct, & the



estimation in which I have & do hold  
Your public Services.

Your Pension will await You on  
Your return to this Country, & I propose  
also to rise You a Step in the English  
Service, & as a further mark, should  
it be acceptable to You, the first Irish  
Kitehawk shall be at Your Service.

Believe me,

With great esteem,

Your sincere Friend

(Signed) J. R.



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out of place ? Date.

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Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1833

Brighton

My dear Friend

I think upon the  
whole H. K. is more  
composed. He will  
be in town tomorrow  
& I know, will wish



To see you - I have not  
the least notion of the  
hour when he may  
be expected - But  
I'll give you all the  
notice I can -

God bless you  
by kind friend  
T. M. W. P. id



L<sup>d</sup> Bathurst  
to the King -  
relative to Sir  
Robert Ferguson

A.A. No. 1085

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Lincoln  
Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1823

Sir

I had the honor of receiving yesterday the Letter which Your Majesty was graciously pleas'd to address to me on the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst. and will obey Your Majesty's commands in writing to Lt. Anson to inform him that Your Majesty's previous engagements will put it quite out of Your Majesty's power to place him in the Household, and that by Your Majesty's commands I have placed his Name down for some Colonial situation.

With regard to S<sup>r</sup> Robert Ferguson, I think it my duty to submit to Your Majesty, that the Report which the Treasury is about to make on Mr. Theodore Hook's Accounts will implicate some other persons in high Official Stations at the Mauritius, but I am happy to say that S<sup>r</sup> Robert Ferguson will stand clear of any charge except what may arise from the facility with which his amiable disposition



allow'd others to practice upon him; and in all the proceedings which  
may take place, I will not fail to bear in mind the Interest  
which Your Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to express  
in his behalf.

I take the liberty of adding, knowing the Interest which  
Your Majesty takes in those who have been under Your Majesty's  
Protection, that Sr Robert Barclay, whom I placed by Your Majesty's  
Commands in a good Situation in the Mauritius, is not implicated  
in the Report of the Lord of the Treasury, & that the Situation he has  
held has enabled him to get over many of his pecuniary  
difficulties - It is the expectation that this Report will  
ultimately lead to the dismissal of others, which will  
enable me to hold out to Sr C. Neven an expectation of  
a pension, without the fear of disappointing him.

Lady Arthurs & my Daughters are most grateful for Your  
Majesty's gracious remembrance of them, and I beg to subscribe  
myself

Sir

with every Sentiment of duty & Gratitude

Your Majesty's faithfully obliged Subject

Arthurs



L<sup>d</sup> Liverpool,  
a Promise of  
a Pension to  
Mary Braine  
& Th<sup>o</sup> L. Sheridan  
Daughter -

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W<sup>m</sup> Mordaunt  
Sep<sup>r</sup> 20 1723

And Liverpool has had the Honour of  
receiving your Majesty's Communication respecting  
the Daughter of the late Charles Braine  
Merchant, and likewise that of Mr. Mordaunt  
Mary Braine, and your Majesty may be  
assured that your Gracious Intentions as  
to both these Individuals shall be carried  
into Effect, as soon as may be practicable.

And Liverpool beg to add that upon  
Communication with Mr. Mordaunt, he found  
it quite impossible to grant any Pension  
to the said Mary Braine, notwithstanding the  
Innumers & respectable Applications on her Behalf.

And Liverpool trusts he shall  
meet with your Majesty's Approbation if  
he



he ventures to remind your Majesty of  
the letter of the Lord Chancellor, which  
was dropped into the hands of your Majesty  
on the 14<sup>th</sup>,  
and your Majesty would humbly  
request your Majesty to return it to him  
whenever it may <sup>possibly</sup> suit your Majesty's  
convenience