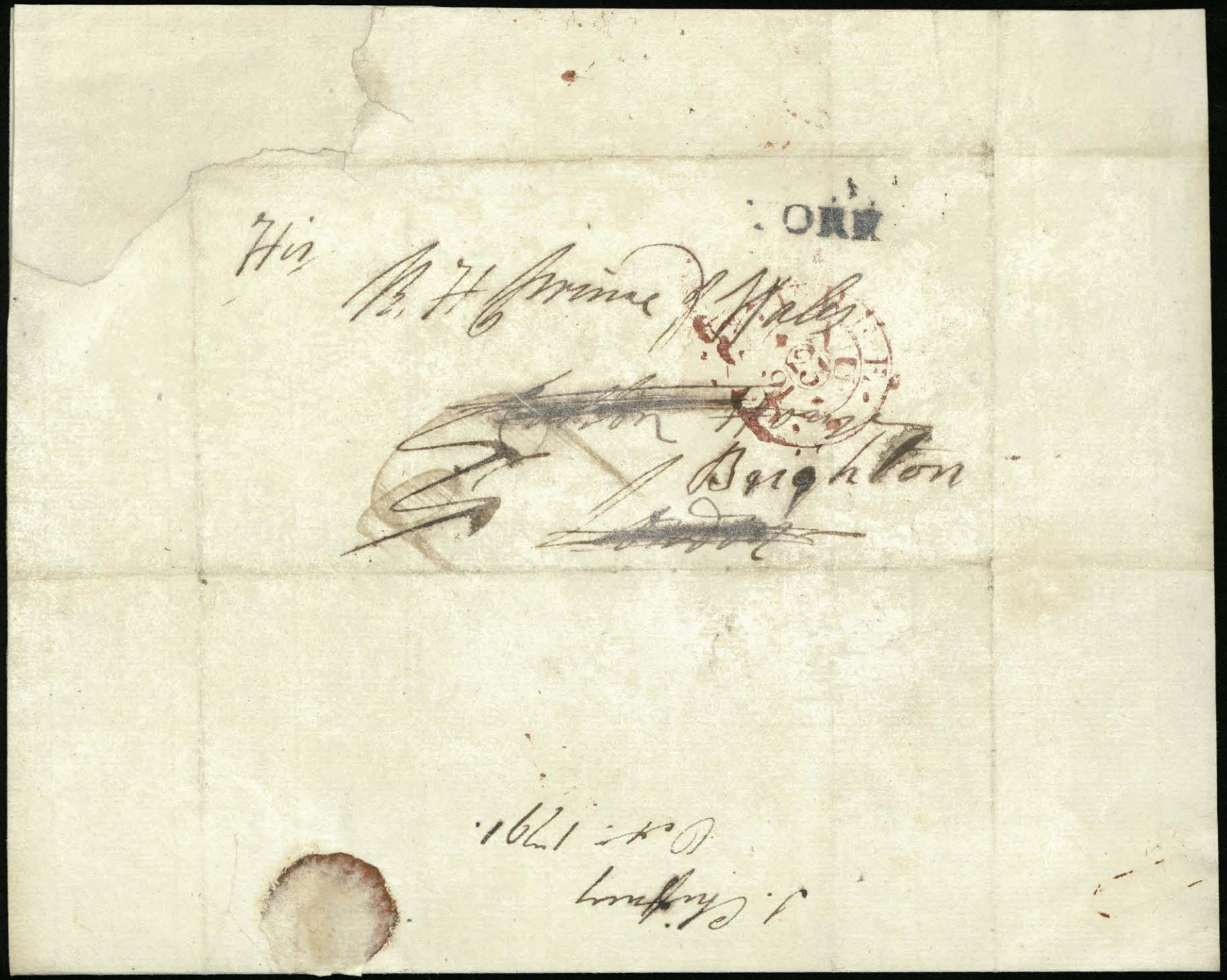
Your R. Highness

I think Traveler will be best, both to morrow and Thursday — Crosser is well and I shall back him against Woolaston &c — and I shall take the liberty, to tell Mr. Rose to back him for Your Highness, to the Losing, 200 Gs. — ~~that~~ he wi[illegible]

G. D. Wilson

York
Sunday Evening 21 Oct 1791

PS I think it not so well to ang more than 200 upon Crosser



Copy of a Letter to the Earl of Moira.

March 29th 1813.

My dear Lord.

Sensible that the numerous objects of importance which press upon your mind at this critical period, must engage every moment of your time, it is with great reluctance that I yield to this trespass; but, the attention you long since was so kind as to bestow on the circumstances of the Case, to which this refers; and the correct impression you have of the nature, the extent and the justice of my claims, makes your approaching absence an event of extreme anxiety to me. Your benevolent heart my Lord, will pardon, I am sure, my solicitude to avail myself in some way or other of effect which that impression is calculated to produce in my favor, and the earnestness with which I contemplate the loss I should sustain, if benefit of your personal interference, makes me, even at this late period, still cling to the hope of your putting this long protracted affair in a train for adjustment before your embarkation.

It is very unfortunate that you Lp cannot find the affidavit which I had the honor to put into your hands about three years ago; wherein Mr Sparkes swears to the facts relating to his enquiry at the Duchy of Cornwall Office. He was in the habit of purchasing annuities with occasional remittances from his Brother in India, and had engaged to buy that of Chiffney, provided he could be satisfied that it was to be sold with His Royal Highness's concurrence, and that was confirmed to him at the Duchy of Cornwall Office, where he was further assured that as long as the Prince lived, it would be regularly paid there every Quarter. Being satisfied on these points, he had only one hesitation remaining, and that related to the necessity for which he contended, of having the additional security of some person capable of being sued, in case of any possible interruption in the future payments. The extreme distress Chiffney was in at that time, threatened, if something was not done for his relief, to recall to the attention of the Public, a subject, which it was thought advisable to consign in the most speedy and effectual way to oblivion. The official information obtained by Mr Sparkes (and which was clearly and fully stated in his affidavit) satisfied my mind as to the punctuality with which the faith so pledged to him would be kept,

and, persuaded as I was, that the act of duty (which I had reason to believe would be rightly appreciated) would not subject me to a pecuniary risk, I consented to give the additional security required. After Mr Sparkes had been regularly paid (I think it was) thirteen Quarters, the annuity was stopped, in consequence of the affair between Chippy and Colt Leigh. Mr Sparkes of course resorted to me, and your Lp well knows how I have been proceeded against, and what I have suffered in consequence of the responsibility so incurred.

The effect that Mr Sparkes affidavit produced on your Lps mind was, a persuasion that the interruption to the regular payment of the annuity, was the act of Colt Leigh, without the Prince's knowledge, and that as soon as H. R. H. could be made acquainted with it, he would order it to be adjusted in a proper manner.

Perhaps my Lord, I ought not to encumber the foregoing statement with any other claims on H. R. H's consideration; but, I trust it will not be deemed superfluous to advert to H. R. H's gracious assurances at the time of my Court Martial, as well as occasionally since that the injuries I sustained at that period, should be amply redressed. I was honoured also with the further assurances of His Majesty's most gracious protection, communicated to me before the commencement of those proceedings by the Duke of York. Eighteen years by God have passed away without my having derived the smallest benefit from those gracious intentions; and the miseries of which I became the victim, in consequence of the course I was induced to pursue on that occasion, have embittered my life, and made me the prey of anxieties that no remuneration can compensate. The consuming effects of those anxieties, I shall carry with me to the grave; but, I hope I am not too sanguine in yet calculating on a recompence for the inferior description of injury, by which my pecuniary circumstances have been affected, and which, on that account alone amount to £18,000, which my Regimental allowances would have produced by this time, if I had yielded to the compromise then pressed upon me by the late Duke of Richmond; a proposal, which in obedience to His Majesty's Commands as above stated, I rejected.

In consequence of the heavy losses I have sustained from these causes, I am suffering privations that are as mortifying as they are unmerited, and I am anxious to submit to your Lordship whether the power which H.R.H. enjoys, may not now be looked up to for a satisfactory termination of the claims, as well as the hopes which I have silently entertained for so long a series of years. May it not be done by Lord by means of such an appointment as in H.R.H.'s wisdom may be judged commensurate with the justice of the Case. I feel confident that neither the strength nor the nature of my claims have been enfeebled in a single instance by any want of that loyalty and devotion which it has been my pride as much as I have felt it to be my duty to maintain towards her sacred person; and I feel equally confident that my gratitude and my affection will prevent my ever proving unworthy of the gracious consideration for which I have the honor, through your Lp's mediation to be a solicitor.

I have the the honor to be
My dear Lord
&c &c &c
Signed A. D. O'Kelly.

Enclosed in letter of
11 Nov. 1813

6 Nov. 1791

Dft. of the Prince of Wales's
Letter in H. R. H.'s hand writing

Dear Bunbury,

I found on my arrival in London so many infamous & vascally lies fabricated relative to the affair yt. happened at Marmouth by Republican Snobbers & studiously circulated thro' the Country that I find it absolutely necessary yt. these calumnies shd. be contradicted in the most authentick manner. After having consulted with many of my Friends I have what has passed, & the manner of contradiction to be discussed between Jn. & my Friend Sheridan who has been so good as to undertake the arrangement

P.S. If Jn. think it any matter

enquiries are necessary respecting Chiffney &c.
only beg you will see for such steps taken as you
think most proper. I am

Carlton House.
Nov. 6th.
1251.

very sincerely Yrs

G.R.

Copy of a Letter
to Sir C. B.
Nov. 1st. 1791

The Prince of Wales
to
Sir Chas. Bunbury
Nov. 6. 1791.

& Wk. is of more consequence than you can imagine.

Barton Octr. 25th 1791

Sir,

I have the Honour to transmit to your Royal Highness a Copy of the Affidavit made before Dr. Trampton by Samuel Chiffney, & which I have just received from Mr. Weatherby: I trust it will prove satisfactory.

Permit me to join my Hopes that your Disorder is removed, & that we shall have the Pleasure of seeing your Royal Highness in perfect Health, and Spirits at the ensuing Meeting.

I am, with the highest Respect,
Your R. H's most devoted Servant

Thos. Charles Bunbury

× Mr Weatherby has likewise sent a Copy of another Affidavit.

Sir Charles Bunbury's
letter, with Chifney's
exculpatory Affidavits

Oct. 25. 1791.

(Copy) –

Whereas several Reports have been Circulated, tending to injure the Character of Samuel Chiffney of Newmarket, in the County of Cambridge Riding Groom to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales who rode the bay Horse Escape, for the sixty Guineas Plate, Ditch, in; at Newmarket, on Thursday in the Second October Meeting 1791, when he was beaten by Cowander; Skylark and Pipator; and likewise the same Horse, for the Five Guineas Subscription, on the Friday following, when he won, beating Chanticleer; Skylark &c; and amongst other Reports.

That he the said Samuel Chiffney wilfully lost the said Race, on Thursday, and

That he won Large Sums of Money on both the said Races,

To Clear himself from such unfounded Aspersions, The said Samuel Chiffney, Came before me Thomas Frampton, Doctor in Divinity, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the County of Cambridge, and made Oath,

That he was equally Sollicitous to Win the Race, on Thursday, as on Friday, and that he used his best endeavours to accomplish it, and

That he had no Interest or Concern whatsoever, in any bett made by any Person on Thursday's race, and only One Bett of Twenty Guineas, on the Friday's Race

Sworn this twenty fourth day of October, One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety One, before Thos. Frampton D: D:

Sam Chiffney

24 Oct

(Copy)

It having been reported, That Samuel Chiffney, riding groom. to His R. H. the Prince of Wales, was arrested at Ascot during the last Races there, for Three hundred Guineas, and That he the said Samuel Chiffney, was liberated, by Thomas Clark, sometimes called Vauxhall Clark, paying — That Sum for him, and such report tending to the Prejudice of the said Samuel Chiffney,

He the said Samuel Chiffney came before me Thomas Frampton Doctor in Divinity One of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, for the county of Cambridge, and made Oath:

That he was not arrested at Ascot or at any other Place during the last Summer — neither did the said Thomas Clarke, pay the before mentioned Sum, or any other Debt for him

Sworn this Twentyfourth day of October One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety One, before

Sam: Chiffney

Thos Frampton. D. D.

Sam.l Chiffney
(Affidavits)
24. Oct. 1791.

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The Memorial of John Richards of Red Lion Square

Humbly shews

That your Memorialist with great reluctance presumes to obtrude himself on your Royal Highness but his Letters to Colt. Leigh not producing him any answer and his pequent endeavours to meet with him having been ineffectual he is at length under the necessity of submitting to your Royal Highness the following particulars

That in the year 1800 Samuel Chiffney being so much in Debt as to have no other means of extricating himself than by a Sale of the Pension which your Royal Highness was pleased to bestow upon him, came to Town for that purpose = That being informed it would be impossible for him to find a Purchaser unless he first ascertained whether your Royal Highness would permit him to alienate it, he therefore addressed himself to Colt. Leigh who undertook to make his situation and petition known to your Royal Highness = That Chiffney saw Colt. Leigh several

times afterwards when at length he one morning in his Dressing Room at Carlton House informed him that he had mentioned it to your Royal Highness & that you were pleased to say "That you had not only no
" objection to his selling it, but that you were glad he
" could by that means extricate himself from his
" difficulties" = That altho' he had obtained this gracious Answer he nevertheless found that the Purchaser required a further satisfaction, namely, that this consent should be in Writing = That Chippey then applied to Mr. Gascoyne from whom he learnt that it was highly unbecoming to solicit such a favour, and which on no consideration could be granted = That in this stage of the negotiation Chippey supplicated a gentleman (who is a client of your Memorialist's) requesting that he would become his Friend on this emergency when understanding that he was not to be a Security for the good conduct of Chippey but simply to guaranty the word of your Royal Highness he immediately entered into the required engagement, That the Purchase was then compleated & as your Memorialist is informed the Pension continued regularly to be paid to the Purchaser until the Month of May 1804.

That in consequence of its discontinuance the Purchaser presented a Memorial to your Royal Highness which you were pleased to refer to Mr Grey who differing from him in the statement of the facts, was therefore not attended to = That owing to this failure the client of your Memorialist was arrested for the Arrears when your Memorialist called on Mr Grey & Mr Bicknell who informed him that they could not interfere without further directions from your Royal Highness = That your Memorialist immediately wrote to Colt. Leigh - for the purpose of ascertaining whether the statement of Chiffney would be confirmed or contradicted but receiving no Answer he advised his client not to make any defence to the Action; presuming to assert ~~that~~ if he could substantiate this fact to the satisfaction of your Royal Highness, namely, that he had acted from no sinister motive whatever, but (whether thro' mistake or misrepresentation of your Royal Highness's officers) had been induced to enter into the engagement with Chiffney solely from a belief that he should by so doing be furthering what he understood to be the wishes of your Royal Highness that your Memorialist doubted not he would receive such redress as your Royal Highness should think he was entitled to.

That further Arrears having since accrued another Action has been brought against the Client of your Memorialist which occasioned him again to importune Coll. Leigh to give him an audience but which not being able to obtain, your Memorialist therefore humbly solicits your Royal Highness, That you would be graciously pleased to signify your pleasure, That your Memorialist should wait upon Mr. Bicknell or such other officer as you shall be pleased to appoint for the purpose of investigating the truth of the statement which he has thus presumed to make known to your Royal Highness.

30th May 1805.

And your Memorialist shall ever pray &c.

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Red Lion Square
30th Oct 1806

Sir

I take the liberty of inclosing you a copy of the Memorial which I presumed to address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales some months since — As I have not been honoured with any commands I have to entreat you to present it again to his Royal Highness as another action will as immediately as the Term commences be brought against my Client for the arrears which have accrued on the Annuity since the payment of the last — With begging your excuses for this trouble I have the honour to remain Sir

Your most obt Hble Servt

Wm Richards

To Col Mac Mahon —