Sir

I have just sketched out what may be necessary but I leave it for you to use it as you please — my age I think is useless — between 40 & 50

I have one request to make which I think will be of great service to me — that is If one or two of the compositors were to join my affidavit with their stating — that during the whole of my confinement tho' my name continued I never had the least knowledge or concern with any copy in any respect whatever that was intended for the said paper — or something to that purpose —

If you will send me a draft of the affidavit to morrow I shall be much obliged and am

Sir Your most obedient

Newgate
Nov.r 7

W Williams

Mr Davies

Sir

What am I to do? my troubles are continually increasing and I have no real friend living to apply to but you — This afternoon a Writ of Execution was sent to me from Mr. Rose for 140l. — Mr. Newman Clerk to Mr. Akerman came to me and friendly advised me to see for the groats if so he tells me it must be done immediately — Do you think it necessary? If it is will you get it done for me? — I am ashamed to ask you to come to me again so soon — Pray consider my situation — If I don't see you will you send some Person to me and let me know what will be done — I am afraid I am doomed to end my days in Prison — —

I am Sir
Your obedient and
distress'd serv^t

Novr 14

M Williams

Mr. Davies
Morning Post Office

(by favour of this Gentleman)

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Mr Davies Compliments to Mr Bickness
requests he will not interfere about
Williams & the King, nor mention
the business to Chamberlayne and
White. Davies will tell Mr Bickness
the reason the first time he has
an opportunity

Post Office
Tuesday

Mr Pickering

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Thirty second part of Close Rolls in the thirty first year of King George the Third.

Tattersall to Benjafield (41)

A Memorial to be inrolled in the High Court of Chancery pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the seventeenth year of the Reign of King George the Third

Of Articles of Agreement bearing date the twenty first day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety and made between Richard Tattersale of Hyde Park Corner Gentleman of the one part and John Benjafield of Parliament Street in the City of Westminster Esquire of the other part — Whereby the said Richard Tattersale did for himself his heirs execrs and admors Covenant promise and agree to and with the said John Benjafield his execrs admors and assigns that he the said Richard Tattersale his heirs execrs or admors should and would before the first day of — January One thousand seven hundred and ninety three well and — effectually charge the Annuity or yearly sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds unto the said John Benjafield or his assigns during his natural life upon or out of all the Freehold Copyhold or Leasehold Estates of the said Richard Tattersale in England or a sufficient part thereof to be free — from incumbrances And the same Annuity to be paid half yearly at the days and times therein mentioned with the usual Powers of Distress — and Entry for the recovery thereof And also that he the said Richard — Tattersale should and would from time to time and at all times — thereafter well and truly pay or cause to be paid the said Annuity or yearly sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds unto the said John Benjafield or his assigns during his natural life by half yearly — payments as aforesaid without any deduction or abatement whatsoever And the consideration of granting and agreeing to grant the said Annuity of Three hundred and fifty pounds was that by certain Articles of — Agreement bearing date on or about the second day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine and — made between the said John Benjafield of the one part and Louis Weltje

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of Dale Hall in the County of Middlesex Esquire of the other part

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of Pall Mall in the County of Middlesex Esquire of the other part (which recites that the said John Benjafield was possessed of and intitled to two twenty fourth Shares of or in a certain Print or Public Newspaper called The Morning Post and that the said Paper was by the several Proprietors thereof leased to the said John Benjafield and to the said Richard Tattersale for a certain term of seven years of which four years and six months were then unexpired under the clear yearly Rent of One thousand four hundred pounds And that by a certain Indenture in writing bearing date the fourth day of July One thousand seven hundred and eighty six and made between the said Richard Tattersale and John Benjafield It was agreed that the said John Benjafield should have the intire management and conduct of the said Paper for the remainder of the said term of seven years but for the mutual benefit of the said Richard Tattersale and John Benjafield And that by an Indorsement on the back of the said Agreement It was declared by the said Richard Tattersale that the said John Benjafield should have liberty to dispose of his interest in the said Paper to the said Louis Weltje And that the said Louis Weltje had contracted and agreed with the said John Benjafield as well for the purchase of the said two Twenty fourth Shares in the said Paper as also for the right of the said John Benjafield to the conduct and management thereof and for his interest therein (Except as therein excepted) for the considerations after mentioned It was (inter alia by the said Articles of the second day of January One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine) witnessed and the said John Benjafield for and in consideration of One thousand Guineas to him paid by the said Louis Weltje and in consideration of the Annuity thereafter mentioned did thereby assign transfer and

make over All his Right Title Interest Benefit Claim and Demand

make over All his Right Title Interest Benefit Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the said Paper called The Morning Post and relinquish and yield up all his management conduct and controul over the same and all his Interest in the said Agreement between him and the said Richard Tattersale unto the said Louis Weltje his exors admors and assigns And the said Louis Weltje in consideration thereof did Covenant with the said John Benjafield his exors admors and assigns that he or they would pay to the said John Benjafield or his assigns for the term of his natural life the clear yearly sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds payable half yearly on the first day of July and the first day of January in each year And that for the better securing the said Annuity of Three hundred and fifty pounds the said Louis Weltje did further Covenant and agree to and with the said John Benjafield his exors and admors that he or they would by good and sufficient Deeds and Conveyances in the Law to be approved as therein mentioned within six weeks from the date thereof well and effectually charge and secure the said Annuity on all his Estate situate and being at Brighthelmstone in the County of Sussex or elsewhere or a sufficient part thereof And the said Annuity had been paid up to the first day of July last but the said Louis Weltje had not secured the future payment thereof upon his Real Estates in pursuance of his Covenant contained in the said recited Agreement although he had been repeatedly required so to do And in consequence of such neglect or refusal the said John Benjafield had threatened to file a Bill in Chancery against the said Louis Weltje to compel him to secure the said Annuity in the manner mentioned in the said Agreement but the said Richard Tattersale in order to prevent such proceedings had applied to the said John Benjafield and

proposed on behalf of the said Louis Mellie to charge and secure

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proposed on behalf of the said Louis Wolfe to charge and secure the said Annuity upon the said Richard Tattersalls own Real Estate to the satisfaction of the said John Benjafield on or before the first day of January One thousand seven hundred and ninety three And the said Richard Tattersale had also proposed and agreed to enter into the Covenant hereinbefore mentioned for the payment thereof — with which proposal the said John Benjafield was satisfied and in consideration thereof had agreed to suspend all proceedings against the said Louis Wolfe during that time And which said Articles of the twenty first day of December One thousand seven hundred and ninety so to the execution thereof by the said Richard Tattersale are witnessed by Thomas Dunn of Lincolns Inn in the said County of Middlesex Gentleman and Miles Robinson of the same place Gentleman who are all the witnesses thereto./.

Enrolled at eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the seventh day of January in the year of our Lord 1791./.

This is a true Copy from the original Record remaining in the Chapel of the Rolls having been examined.

Wm Kipling

7 Janry 1791.

Mr. Tattersall
with
Mr. Benjafield

copy Memorial of Grant of Annuity.

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Dewberry & Hazlewood
48 Conduit Street
Han. Sq.

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Morning Post Account to June 24. 1792

1792			
Jany. 31	By Cash		333.. 6.. 8
Feby. 3	To a Quarters farm	342.. 10.. —	
"	By Cash		69.. 3.. 4
Mar. 6.	To Duty for January	208.. 19.. —	
13	By Cash		99.. 5.. 6
May. 3	To a Quarters farm	342.. 10.. —	
22	To Cash paid Mr. Bulkwell	37.. 5.. 11	
			168.. 8.. 10
June 2.	By Cash		
18	To Duty for April	261.. 12.. —	
		£1192.. 16.. 11	670.. 4.. 4
	Ballance due		522.. 12.. 7
	Mr. T— 1/2	261.. 6.. 3 1/2	
	Other — 1/2	261.. 6.. 3 1/2	

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His Royal Highness Prince of Wales

1792 To Mr. Tattersall –

Feby.	3	Quarters Farm		29..15..8
May	3	ditto		29..15..8
July	2	To Cash paid Benjafield	175.....	
		To ballance of Mercide	261..6..3/2	
			436..6..3/2	59..11..4
			376..14..11/2	

24 June 1792

Mourning & Coat Account

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Money to be paid 3 June 1793 for the Morning Post

Mr. Skinner	1056.—.—
Mr. Hicks	867.11.4
Mr. Christie	505.—.4
Mr. Wiltjie	730.8.—
Mr. Fearlanger	730.8.—
Mr. Weatherby	487.3.4
Mr. Mitchell	487.3.4
Mr. Wargrave	487.3.4
Mr. Davies	350.—.—
Mr. Tattersall	2596.13.4
	8297.11.—

suppose the 24 Shares entire it would at 350 £ P Share amount to 8400.—.— but Mr. Griffin has an annuity of 30 £ P annum for life which occasions fractions, and make the above Calculation nearly exact —

If the Sale is 2000 or an average 6 months before the expiration of the Term, the Proprietors are bound to letter the paper —

Prince Albert

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An Estimate of the probable Sum to be paid
For the Morning Post –
3 July 1793 –

Ballance of account including the 1/2 Year delivered to Mr Bengafield's annuity }	3192..–..–
Loss on the farm 1/2 Year from 1 mas to July 1793 }	600..–..–
12 Shares 1/2 the property to be purchased July 1793 a 350 £ pr share – }	4200..–..–
Amount of money to be paid	7992..–..–
from which deduct two shares in possession – a 350 £ – ... }	700..–..–
Ballance to be paid	7292..–..–

Exclusive of the annuity of 350 £
granted to Mr. Bengafield – }

Account of the
Morning Post.

Mr Bampfield
& Mr Hanway
Post — 3 July 1793

Bury St. Edmunds
17 January 1812

Sir

From a letter yesterday received from Lord Melville, I learn that you have given to His Lordship, certain information relative to the negociation of the Annuity, that was in the year 1789 granted to me by Mr Wettje for the sale of the Morning Post; which appears to have brought home to me, a knowledge, which I have no recollection that I ever possessed, namely that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, was concerned in that transaction.

As a Man of high Character yourself

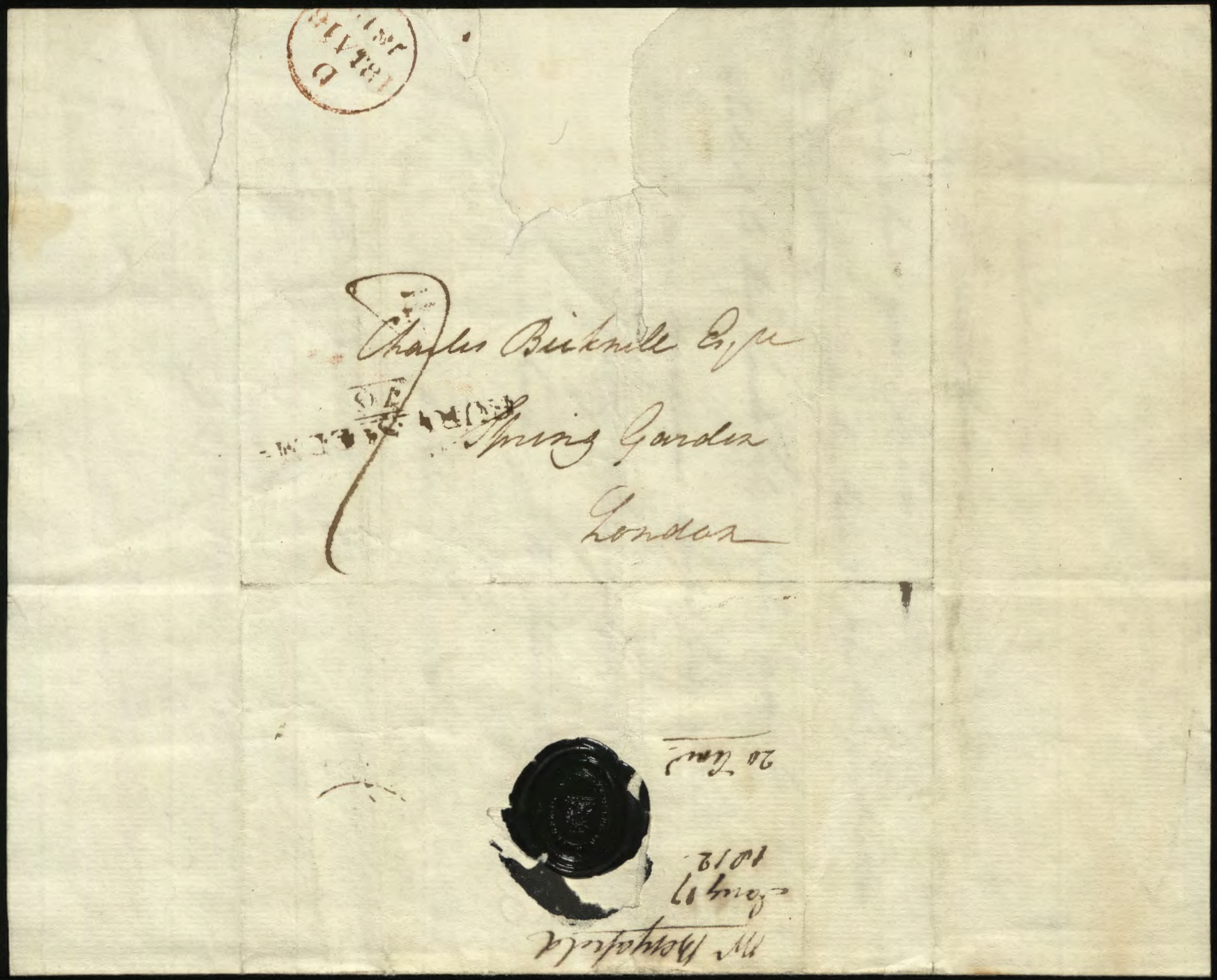
I

I am certain that you would not lightly sport with mine, but being implicated by the information given to Lord Melvin by you. I beg the favour of you to state to me the particulars stated to his Lordship, - that I may be able to correct any erroneous impression which, after a lapse of twenty three years, it is possible I may now have of the transaction alluded to. I must intreat the indulgence of an immediate answer.

I am, Sir,

Your very Obedient Servt

J Benjfield



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London 8th July 1789

Rec.d of L. Willje Esq.r by the hands of Charles Bicknell Esq.r the Sum of One hundred and Seventy five pounds for half a Years Annuity due the 2nd instant

Benjafield

£ 175 " 0 " 0

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London January 28th 1790.

Recd of L. Weltje Esq. by the hands of Charles Bicknell Esq. One hundred and Seventy five pounds being half a Years Annuity due the 2nd instant

Benjafield

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August 6th 1790

Recd. of L. Weltje Esq. by the hands of Charles Bicknell Esq. One hundred and Seventy five Pounds. for half a years Annuity due the 3rd of July last —

£175 0 0

J Bengafield

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£175 0

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London 5th Feby 1791. Recd. of L. Weltje Esqre.
by the hands of C Bicknell Esqre. One hundred
and Seventy five pounds for half a Year's
Annuity due the 2nd of January last —

£175 . 0 . 0

Benjafield

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Springfield Terrace

20 ~~Jan~~ Jany 1842

Sir

In an interview of Letter during which I stated the particulars which I stated to Lord Maria, with regard to the [illegible] I have been happy to be the means of informing you of the fact of having been employed in 1789 in carrying into execution an Agreement between you and the late Mr. Wolfe for the purchase of your Interest in the Morning Post, and, according to the best of my recollection I believe at this distance of time, the impression on my mind was that I had frequent conversations with you at the Office before and at the completion of the business, I had no doubt, but that you were known on whose account Mr. Wolfe & I applied to you for the purpose of having the politics of the Paper changed, which could not be effected, but on the terms which were at last agreed upon. It was Mr Wolfe's object at Castle House was universally known, and I always understood that you well knew on whose account you received the Annuity that was granted to you, as part of the consideration of the purchase —

This is the substance of the conversation I had with Lord Moira the other day & to which, the allusion in your Letter — I spoke then, as I write now, from memory — but I thought it probable that upon a reference to books or papers, I might be able to throw more light upon the subject, and if you wish it, I will take the first opportunity of making such a reference — I have the Honor to remain

Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Chas Bicknell.

It is requested that Mr Bicknell will have the goodness to give answers to the following questions

April 23rd 1812.

1st Whether Mr Bicknell ever said or ever heard, that Mr Benjafield by threats to publish information in the Morning Post, which he professed himself to be possessed of, relative to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; or for the suppression of any such intelligence, ever obtained an annuity from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales?

Mr Bicknell (except by some late publications) Never said or heard, that by threats to publish information in the Morning Post relative to the Prince of Wales, or for the suppression of any such intelligence, Mr Benjafield obtained an annuity from the Prince of Wales —

2nd Whether Mr Bicknell ever asserted, that the sale of the Morning Post by Mr Benjafield took place in consequence of paragraphs inserted in that paper on the before mentioned subject?

Mr Bicknell may have asserted that the sale of the Morning Post by Mr Benjafield to Mr Welby took place in consequence of a Paragraph or Paragraphs inserted in that paper, ~~contained~~ or Paragraphs were the cause of Mr Welby's application to purchase of Mr B. the paper

3rd Whether Mr Bicknell ever said, or saw, that there was a system of attack in that paper against the Prince?

Mr Bicknell never said or saw that there was a System of Attack in that paper agt. the Prince

4th Whether Mr Bicknell ever wrote any letter to any person at Bury St. Edmunds or elsewhere asserting, that Mr Benjafield had certain knowledge that the Morning Post was purchased of him by the Prince of Wales?

Mr Bicknell is acquainted only with one person at Bury St Edmunds — to whom he might have written but he does not recollect that he did, but to whom he certainly in conversation expressed his opinion that Mr B. knew that the Morning Post was purchased of him by the Agents of the P. of W.

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5th Whether Mr Bicknell has any proof that Mr Benjafield knew it was a transaction with the Prince personally, and not with the Opposition of that day?

Mr Bicknell does not know that he has any legal proof that Mr B knew it was a transaction with the Prince personally –

6th Whether Mr Bicknell has any reason to consider, that Mr Benjafield's conduct in any manner connected with the Morning Post, was either dishonorable, or improper?

Mr Bicknell always conceived that Mr Benjamin in order by Mr B with Mr W. was a very advantageous one for his, & a very disadvantageous one for Mr Wells's Employer – but in carrying the Agreement when made into execution Mr B saw nothing dishonorable or improper in Mr B's conduct –

To Charles Bicknell Esqre

Solicitor to His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales –

23 April 1822

Mr. Benjafield

Questions
respecting the Transaction
of the Sale of his Share in
the Morning Post

Examined

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Spring Gardens Terrace
13th June, 1812.

Sir

In consequence of a Reference made to me as the only Person, now living, connected with the Transaction by which you parted with your interest in the Morning Post I have to State that you were in any manner whatever obtained from His Royal Hs the Prince of Wales any sum of Money or Annuity by a threat to publish information which You proposed Yourself to be in the Possession of relative to His Royal Highness or any of His Royal Hs's Friends Merely any System of Personal opposition to the Prince.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

Chas Bickerstaff

J. Bingfield Esq

Sp. Gard. Terrace
13 June 1812

Copy

Mr Bechwell

to

Mr Benjafield

on the Subject of the Transaction by which he parted with his Interest in the Morning Post (Newspaper)

13 June 1812
Enclosed by Mr
Letter to Mr Benjafield
G.M. Sutton

My D Birkbeck

I have submitted the enclosed to Moira & Mac: Mahon and if you will copy it with a Head & a Tail – and then send it with my Note – that B&P will be closed ——

Yours always

W Adam

6. H. ½ p 1 pm – Tuesday

Private

Chas Bickwell Esqr

Terrace

Spring Garden

Mr Adam

to

Mr Pedrick

Hawkwell Hall &c

Essex

Westerdale — Yorkshire

June 1812

Bury St Edmunds 17th June 1812

Sir

I beg to acknowledge myself much obliged by your letter of the 13th instant, and for the part which you have taken in affording me by that letter, a contradiction of the original charge made against me relating to the Annuity which I am possessed of

At the same time I trust you will pardon me if I intimate of you to reflect, that on your imputed personal authority, I publicly stand charged with knowing that my Annuity was granted by the Prince of Wales, for which is implied a charge more infamous than that, of which, by your letter of the 13th I trust, I shall now stand acquitted. — And having lately

understood from you that such insinuation was never authorized by you, and considering the objection to a written disavowal of the use which, in the instance I refer to, has been made of your name, as now avowed, I can but express a most anxious hope, that you will not hesitate to favor me with a written answer, (simply affirming or denying) to the following questions

1st. Whether or not you had any proof or any knowledge of your own, that I was privy to, or knew the sale of the Morning Post in the year 1789 was a transaction with the Prince of Wales personally?

2nd. Whether or not you ever laid any document before Lord Moira on the subject of the sale of the Morning Post, or of my Annuity?

3rdly And whether or not in the transaction relative to the sale of the Morning Post, or in any thing connected with it, you had ever any reason to consider my conduct otherwise than perfectly honorable?

I must again repeat my sincere thanks for your kind attention in this business

And am Sir

Your very Obedient

Humble Servant

Beaconsfield

To

Charles Richard Esqre

&c. &c. &c.

Mr Buckhurst
Wishing the Separation
of the Marriage
Lord Rolle
Queen's London House

To
Charles Buckhurst Esq

30258

Conduit St. 23. Mar. 1826

Dear Sir

I have traced a Memorial of articles of agreement dated 21 Dec. 1790 made between your Grandfather of the one part and Mr. Benjafield of the other part whereby your Grandfather agreed to charge all his Freehold Copyhold & Leasehold Estates with the paym. of an annuity of 350 £ to Mr. Benjafield, who thereby agreed to give up similar articles of agreement obtained from Mr. Weltje. A Copy is promised to be ready on Saturday which as soon as obtained shall be forwarded yr. by

Yours truly

Harewood

43 Cadogan Street
23 March 1826

Mr J. Hardwood

to

Mr Richard Tattersall

respecting the Grant of an
Annuity of £350 per Annum
to Mr John Bury of Sudd

Rt Hon. Robert Peel

30259

48 Conduit Street
25th March 1826

Dear Sir

There is now forwarded you copy of a Memorial now among the Records of the Rolls Chapel, which proves there existed certain Articles of Agreement to grant by a more enlarged Security the Annuity payable to Mr. Benjafield. Further Search has been made for the Security agreed to be made but it does not appear to be enrolled within the time limited by the Agreement and from our own knowledge of the legal occurrences in your family am inclined to infer that Mr. Benjafield only holds the Articles of Agreement which appear sufficient to sustain any Equity Suit to enforce payment, if there be ~~made~~ any attempt to suspend same.

Yours truly. Harlewood

48 Conduit St.
25 March 1826

Mr J. Gaskewood
to
Mr Richard Tattersall

Inclosing Copy of Memorial
of the Grant of an Annuity
of £350 per Annum to Mr John
Burgess Field

Richard Tattersall Esq.

26 March 1826

Mr Rich & Tattersall

Transmitting Papers relative to the Grant of an Annuity of £350 per Annum to Mr John Benjafield

J. G. Harrison Esq

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28 March 1835

Dear Sir,

I have sent you the copy of the Ann.ty which I hope will prove satisfactory. I shall be happy to sign any deed you think proper as will Mr Tovey if required but I should think a receipt saying in full of all demands on and of the said Ann.ty would do best this as you please all I can say the sooner the better

Yours obt Servant
Rich Tattersall

Strand 26 Sept.r 1826

Mr Dickie
requesting the Payment
to Mr Tattersall for
the Redemption of
Mr Benjafields Annuity
of £360 per Annum

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Strand 26 Sept. 1826

Dear Sir,

Sir W. Knighton has shewed me to-day the Dft of the Warrant, intended for H. Ms Signature to take from the Account of The Commiss.rs the Amount of those payments made from The K's Privy Purse Account on acct. of Tattersall's Annuity, from the period when the Commiss.rs adjusted the Arrears then due, to the 6 April last when the Bond was redeemed — you have left a blank for the Amount of those payments, which you thought Sir W. could fill up from a Mem.m given to him by Mr. Darrows, but Sir W. cant find it, and, by his desire, I have written to Mr. Darrows at Brighton about it — By the tenor of the Warrant I observe it is intended that Sir W. K should sign a Rec.t to Mess.rs Coutts & Co. for the amount (whatever it may be) on acct. of The Commiss.rs — but Sir W. does not like signing Receipts, and thinks it might be arranged by the Warrant ordering so much to be transferred from The Commiss.rs Account to the Credit of H. Ms Privy Purse Account, instead of ordering it to be paid to him as Keeper — Would you approve of the Warrant being so drawn? — In haste,

Dear Sir

Yours most faithful
humble Servant
A Dickie

George Harrison Esq. &c &c &c

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Strand London 28 Sept.r 1826

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 27.th is before me — previous to the receipt of which, I had imagined you would not object to modelling the Warrant according to Sir William's idea, and therefore instead of the Words, — regarding the payment, in your Draft, the following will be substituted —

"that You do transfer from the Account of Our said Commissioners at your House to the Credit of Our Privy Purse Account (Subject to the Drafts of Sir William Naughton Bart. — Keeper of Our Privy Purse) also kept at your House, the Sum of £4900 in reimbursement &c &c &c — and for so doing this shall be your Warrant —

I have been on business at the India House the chief part of to day, but Mr. Darvous — left a letter for me this morning in the Strand, stating that the blank in your rough — Draft was to be filled up with £4900 — I shall draw the Warrant accordingly tomorrow — & send it to Sir William — always.

Dear Sir

Yours most faithfully
Ant.o Dickie.

George Harrison Esq. &c &c &c
Worthing

1826

London 28 Sept.
1826

Mr Davies

respecting the Transfer
of Monies from the Acct.
of the Comm.rs for the Pensions
Debts to the P. P. Account

Mottham

Bathurst

Frank