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Wambledon. Horndean. Hants Decr 1829

I acknowledge the receipt of twenty pounds, for the use of The Widow of James Hyde, late Pilot of H. M. Yacht.

John Bulbeck. Surgeon &c.

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Widow of the poor Pilot

B. Note of £20 — No. 4463.

Date 14 Sept 1829.

Signature — A J Parquet

sent to Lady Knighton, under Sir William's Frank, on 11. Decr. 1829 —

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London 14th Dec. 1839
15 John St. Minories

Sir.

Allow me with every possible respect and requisite apology for this intrusion to solicit your kind Interest & influence in my behalf.

I have ready for Exhibition an extraordinary production. a splendid & curious specimen of Penmanship representing a full length and striking likeness of his present Majesty the King of France in his Coronation Robes &c. 9 feet high by 5½ feet wide the whole (with the exception of the face) executed after several Months labour by a French Country School Master with a Pen only and was intended as a present to the King of France it purposes uncommon

merit. and I beg & most humbly
request our beloved and gracious Sovereign
will graciously condescend to allow me
the honor of introducing to his notice
at any time he may be pleased to command.

His Majesty's benevolence and encouragement of the Arts is too well appreciated
to require any comment from such an
humble individual as myself. and if he
should graciously condescend to patronize
a Merchant who has moved in the first
respectability but now reduced. I could
produce Letters from a noble Lord (who
unfortunately failed to serve me) which I
flatter myself would if necessary convince
the His Majesty's condescendency to grant
my humble request. which with the Patronage
of a liberal Public will I trust grant me
the means of again embarking in a

respectable business –

My present situation and the object of this address will I trust plead for any necessary apology. I feel its presumption but most humbly and respectfully trust you will consider it as emanating from a Gentleman who not long since little anticipated the present.

Waiting the honor of your reply permit me the honor of subscribing myself with all possible respect.

Sir
Your most humble Servant
John Sanford

To Sir Edward Knightson
&c &c &c
Windsor Castle

14. Dec 1829

Mr Sandford
to
Sir Wm Knighton –

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Given to H.D.D. to
put by

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Dec 1829

Honourable Sir

I take the liberty most humbly and respectfully to acquaint you that about twelve months ago I took out a Patent for a Steam Boat for navigating Canals and to be used as a life Boat at sea, — the Specification was drawn by Mr. Professor Millington and enrolled on the 4th January last — A model, drawings &c — of the Life Boat are now under the consideration of the Directors of the East India Company with a view to their directing a Boat to be built upon the new principle in order that the same may be fairly tried — I am also the — inventor of a new mode of affording additional power to Steam Engines, and other power, in raising water, and to Water Wheels in general — Also of an entirely new Hinge for swing Gates and doors, much more — simple and the action more easy and beautiful than any thing now — in use — Also of a perpetual meat Baster — this trifling machinery can in a moment be attached to any spit on which meat is roasting — and continues to baste it without requiring the most trifling attention. Also of an Axletree for Carriages, Waggons, Carts &c — this Axletree — is very far superior to the Collinges Axletree, or any other now in use — the advantages it possesses over all others are various — first it can — be got up cheaper, being much more simple — It runs upon Gun Metal Collars and consequently not liable to heat by friction — soften, and fix — and with other Axletrees this is an event that constantly occurs — to the Mail and other Coaches — It also retains the oil to any —

period — even to twelve months altho' the Carriage may be in constant use and this too without the aid of leather Washers, an advantage and principle which no other Axletree now in use possesses — and add to this the circumstance of the Axletree running upon Gun Metal Collars — the friction and power required to move any Carriage is reduced / according to the experiments which I have made / about one fifth — And this Axletree at a trifling expence will last fifty or a hundred years — because when by very long and extraordinary use the Gun Metal Collars are at all reduced, they can be taken out and replaced by others in a few hours at a trifling expence and the whole is again new, and good as at the first — this Axletree is now under the consideration of the Duke of Manchester / the Post Master General / Sir Francis Freeling &c at the General Post Office, but I fear a contract which is now in existance with Mr. Perrot of Mill Bank, for furnishing the Mail Coaches will be a bar to its use at present, notwithstanding its extraordinary advantages over the Mail Coach Axletrees — In proof of the great superiority of my Axletrees I can if necessary procure Letters, or even affidavits, from Messrs Whykes & Phillips, Axletree Manufacturers — Mr. Shillibeer the proprietor of several Omnibuses which run between Paddington and the City — and several of the first Coach Makers in London, that it is their opinion and belief that there are no Axletrees now in use at all equal to mine — I have given them a fair trial in Mr. Shillibeers Omnibus, as the Carriage alone weighs upwards of a Ton — and runs upwards of fifty miles every day at a great speed, and carries twenty passengers — And as regards the merits of my new mode of applying the Steam Engine &c —

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as also the Archimedian Screw I take the liberty of enclosing two letters written by Professor John Knowles Esqre of the Navy Office to me on the subject and expressing his opinion of the same as also a letter from Mr. Poole of the Patent Office to shew that I have a Patent in progress — the Patent for the Steam Boat cost me upwards of £130 and fitting up the Boat with a small Steam Engine to prove the principle has cost me upwards of £400 — and adding to this the expences I have been at in the Axletree and other Machinery, has taken away every farthing I have in the World or can raise amongst my friends, and I am now quite and entirely unable to proceed for want of a little money not exceeding £40 or £50 — which sum would enable me to go on with my Axletree and other things, and bring in some ready money — I can have very satisfactory (in every respect) letters of recommendation from Sir Robt. Seppings & Mr. J. Knowles (Professor) of the Navy Office — Lord Fitzroy Somerset of the War Office (late of the Ordnance) Doctor Birkbeck &c — and being informed by highly respectable and good authority of your condescension and goodness in being ready at all times to use your influence with His Majesty in behalf of ingenuity, industry and good moral character. I solicit most earnestly that you will be pleased to allow me to attend you at Windsor with Models and drawings of my various Machinery, all of which are so extreemly simple that they can be explained and comprehended in a few moments, and allow me to produce such letters and documents as you may consider necessary, to entitle me at all to your attention

and without which I am certain / instead of these things being profitable to me / will prove my inevitable ruin. —

I hope honourable Sir you will pardon me for troubling you with this letter, which nothing but the most pressing necessity and approaching ruin could induce me to do, and hoping and humbly soliciting that you will be pleased to allow me the honour of an answer — I have the honour to be

Honourable Sir — most humbly and respectfully

Your devoted and Very humble Servant

J. Isaac — 11th Decr 1829

15 Middle Praed St. Paddington

To

Sir Wm Knighton Bart

Received Dec 12 1829

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Memorandum –

Duchy of Lancaster Office
20. June 1830 –

Sir William Knighton Bart informs H. D Dawes that Mr Macrable (the Secretary to the Privy Purse) has been appointed to the Board of Green Cloth, and that his Salary of One Thousand Pounds from the Privy Purse ceased on the 5th inst; but, that, as Mr Macrable is still to have the Custody of the King's Private Papers, he is to have an allowance of One Hundred Pounds ⅌ Annum, to commence from the 5th inst.

Sir William Knighton further states, that, as his own Services & Attendance will be more required than hitherto in the affairs of the Privy Purse, in consequence of the above change, His Majesty has been ~~pleased~~ graciously pleased to allow me a further sum of One Hundred Pounds ⅌ Annum from his Privy Purse – also to commence from the 5th instant –

Both the above to be paid from the Separate Account.

H. Dawes Dawes –

20 Jany 1830

Memorandum respecting future allowances to Thos. Marrable Esq.r and to J. D Davidson - from the Privy Purse - Sep. Acct.

Pensions

23. Jan. 1830

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Sir Wm Knighton –

With Draft for £5 – in favour of a poor Artist, – a pupil of Sir Joshua Reynolds –

Enclosed same day to Sir W.K. – five Sovereigns & a Rect. to be signed

Saturday Morning
23 January 1830

Dear Sir

Be so good as to send this up in the course of the day – in Sovereigns. That it may be sent out to the poor man early – Send me also a rect for the Money which I will fill

up & send to you

Ever your sincere friend

A Knighton

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Received the 23d. of January 1830 of
His Majesty, by payment of
Sir William Knighton Bart. Keeper of the Privy Purse,
the Sum of Five Pounds (a donation) for
the Benefit of a poor Artist of the Name
of Score. —

J. Northcote

£5 — —

up I send to you

Your just sincere friend

A Knighton

Mr Stone

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pensions

25. Jany 1830

Memorandum of an allowance to Mrs Wharton of £1 ~~0~~ 0 0 week for the Maintenance of her Son "George"

30710 Memorandum -

25. Jany 1830 -

Mr Harrison informed F.D.D. that Mrs Wharton is to have an allowance at the rate of One Pound ℔ Week - for the maintenance of her Son "Mr. George Wharton", - to commence from the 18th. inst. - and to be paid from the Privy Purse - Separate Acct. - so that on the 1st. February there will be £2 - due; from which time it is to be paid every five weeks in concurrent payments with the allowance

of

of 1 gn. ℔ week for the maintenance of her other Son, "Mr. Samuel Wharton" -

F. D. Danvers.

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Feb. 1830

The Lady who is the subject of this statement is the Widow of an Officer in the Army, who during his life possessed an income adequate to every comfort, and to their station in a respectable sphere of society, — He had however only a life interest in the property, which, on his decease devolved entirely to the eldest son of a former marriage, leaving a Widow, and eight children, the eldest of whom was then only eight years of age, totally unprovided for — The son now in possession of the property, declining to give them any assistance, this unfortunate family have from that time been altogether dependant for subsistence on such aid as the Lady's own relatives (themselves not affluent) could from time to time afford her, and the occasional assistance

of other friends; for, owing to her Husband having quitted the Army during his lifetime she has not even the slender pittance which would arise from a pension, nor are her children entitled to the benefit of any Military Institution. Anxious to make some exertion to maintain herself without being thus burthensome to others, this Lady has, with the advice of her friends attempted to establish a Boarding House in Ryde for the reception of ladies only — but the plan having entirely failed of success, it has instead of being a benefit, greatly increased her difficulties, by causing her to incur the expense of a house suitable to this purpose without having the expected remuneration of visitors — this expense added to the daily necessities of her family are now pressing heavily upon her, to relieve which distressing situation some contributions have been received from distant parts of the country, and it is hoped some addition may be obtained in the neighbourhood of Ryde. By far the most valuable assistance however, could it be obtained, would be the recommendation to some situation which would

enable her permanently to gain a livelihood in future — She would gladly undertake the household department in a large school either for boys, or girls — The reception of boarders at Eton, or other public schools or, a preparatory school for any young children — The situation of housekeeper in one of the Palaces, or public offices has been suggested, and if attainable would certainly be much to be desired in this case —

The Lady in question brought with her to the Isle of Wight recommendations from Mr Saml Thornton the Bank Director, and could if desired refer to several other individuals of high respectability in case of any situation being pointed out which might produce an independance however small —

Feb. 1830

Lady Vernon

Case of Mrs Rishton –

£20 – sent to Lady Vernon thro' the hands of Sir W. Knighton on 11. Feb.y 1830.

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ONE SHILLING

Received the 11th of February 1830 of His Majesty, by payment of Sir William Knighton Bart. Keeper of the Privy Purse, the Sum of Twenty Pounds – a Donation for the benefit of Mrs Rishton, in great distress –

£20 – – –

Frances Maria Warren: Vernon.

God bless the King!! –

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Mrs Rishton

Feb. '30

Lady Vernon

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British Museum
March 15. 1830

Sir William

According to your desire, I had the honor some short time since of transmitting to you through Sir Herbert Taylor Lists of the various Books, Maps &c now in my custody at Kensington Palace; and if Sir William I might through your kind intervention be permitted to retain the custody of this collection, which through the friendship of Sir Fred. Barnard has for many years been the case, or if I might venture to recommend myself to your favourable consideration should any vacancy occur in his Majesty's Library, I feel it would be imposing a debt of gratitude upon me which

could never be effaced. I may perhaps be permitted to observe, that I have been brought up under the roof of His late Majesty, & have had the honor of being attached to the Royal Library nearly Twenty Years. Under feelings which such circumstances must naturally give rise to, — I cannot but say that it would be a most gratifying event were I again received into His Majesty's Service

I have the honor to be
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British
Museum
15 March 1830

Mr Glover
to
Sir W. Knighton

Mrs
Petitions

No 1 Stafford Place South
Buckingham Gate
April 18th 1830

Sir,

It is under feelings of the most profound respect, and the deepest humility, that I take the liberty of committing so great an Intrusion upon you, but I am emboldened to do so from the very peculiar situation under which I labour as also from the lamentable circumstance of suffering under the most afflictive Calamity that can affect the human frame namely deprivation of the use of my Limbs by Paralysis sustained in the Service of my Country by which deplorable situation and by unforeseen misfortune I am deprived of the means of support for myself a wife and five children — Myself under circumstances the most distressing and acute whose gracious condition of necessity requires that support I am unable to obtain and mental agony augmenting my bodily affliction — The daily privations I am compelled to endure hasting me by slow but inevitable degrees to the grave Permit me most humbly and respectfully to submit to you that my peculiar situation arises from having made frequent Applications

to

to the late and present Secretary at War for an increase of my Military pension but which I was given to understand could not be granted except under the extension of His Majesty's peculiar privilege as my affliction was not the result of wounds received in Action I consequently prepared the accompanying Petition to His Majesty and the same was presented by Mr Palmer M.P. for Surrey to the Secretary of State for the Home department for the purpose of being laid at the feet of His Most Gracious Majesty but who informed me that all he could do with it was to forward it to the Secretary at War thus returning it to the Office of my former Rebuffs and closing the door for ever to my Applications under these circumstances I am led to the presumption of approaching you and most humbly to implore and beseech your Merciful and benevolent consideration in laying at the feet of His Most Gracious Majesty the accompanying humble Petition for an Increase of my Military Pension upon the grounds stated therein and for which act you will command the unbounded Gratitude and continued thankfulness of heart with the fervent prayers of a Most wretched and afflicted family

In the absence of those documents of service and Character from the Commanding Officers under whom I have served Call of

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which are in the office of the Secretary at War permit me most humbly to refer you to my most esteemed and valued friend Major General Sir Andrew S. Barnard to whom I have long had the honor of being personally known and who I have no doubt will give you any information upon my case

I have the honor to subscribe myself with the deepest sentiments of respect

Your most obedt & most humble Svt
Francis Carpenter
Late Brevet Major in the
15th Regt of Foot

To Sir Wm Knighton Bart
&c &c &c

18. April 1830

Major Carpenter
to
Sir William Knighton

with a Petition
to his Majesty – and
Two Certificates –

24. April – Returned
the Petn. &c. to Major
Carpenter with the
usual Letter.

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Sub.

22d April 1830

Sir William Knighton

with a Draft for the Adult Orphan Institution (£105-)-

Desiring a Draft for his Signature for £52.10.0 in favor of the Society for the Relief of Distressed Widows -

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Windsor Castle
22. April 1830

My Dear Sir

I have the Pleasure to send You a Draft for the Adult Orphan Institution.

Be so good as to write me a Draft for the enclosed application - I think we ~~shall~~ used to give twenty five Guineas I believe: but the Charity is so admirable that we have better I think give fifty Guineas

Pr. Leon: It is for the re-
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within the Month —
I am most sincerely
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Poor Soul! What she
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Your sincere Friend
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Confidential

November 5 1830
Stornoway

My Dear Sir

I have received two Letters, from William Holmes, - one of the late King's personal Servants - The inclosed is the last, & I send it for your perusal, that you may understand why I now request the favor of you to call upon him in place of my writing to him. I wish you to be so good as to say - that I have already spoken to the Duke of Wellington & represented his case; that whenever I come to Town, I have the opportunity of seeing the Duke, - He may rely on my doing so again. That I had desired you to call on him to mention this - Take care of this Letter. I do not wish to have any Correspondence with him.

~~with him~~ – If you could see Keightley & endeavour to get, the original picture, which is mine, of Sir J. McMahon, I should be glad! – I would give, you may say, twenty five Guineas – for the head intended for Lady Knighton – The price I was to have given, had it been finished was one hundred Guineas, – the same as I gave for my own. – He did not demand of me this additional price, & there were others to whom he did the same – from the best feelings; – namely, those of gratitude! I consider Lady K.'s picture scarcely one fourth in advance; it would at least have required five sittings more. This indeed Sir Thomas told me himself.

I regret to say, that at present, the likeness is scarcely beginning to tell — That it would have been time there can be no doubt —

There will be no harm in your calling upon Mr Planta, with my kind Regards, & say, — that if the Duke of Wellington has not spoken to him on the subject of my franking, as usual, — for the Benefit of the Lucky Office, — that it must have escaped his Grace's Memory, & that I should be much obliged if he would have the kindness to speak to the Duke on the subject. That I requested you to call on him — ~~on~~ in the hopes that it

might be the means of giving him the least Trouble – You had better call in Chaster St. St James's – where he lives – & send up your name, desiring to speak to him, as coming from me. You can name the inconvenience & Expense all this Trouble – I think that I shall begin my Journey Westward on Monday – There will be no occasion to give me any account of your communication with Holmes – Keep an accurate account of the expence of Postage Coals & Hire – Do not lose this Letter before you destroy it –

Your ever sincere & faithful Friend

J Shrewsbury

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Undated

Hail, Sir,

From the consideration of that kindness & humanity which you have hitherto evinced whenever a case of great distress has reached your ear, the writer is emboldened to transmit his deplorable situation to your mature deliberation.

The Applicant is the son of Capt Dayden many years Adjutant in the 2nd Life Guards, who in conformity to his father's wishes, and his own inclination was placed as Cadet at the Military College Sandhurst, where he remained three years, but peace at this time taking place, his former hopes of appointment

were frustrated, and the wish of not leading an inactive life proved an incentive to enter into the business of a Haberdasher which after acquiring a knowledge of induced him to marry a respectable female whose little property joined to the united efforts of kind friends enabled him to commence in the same line on his own account. All at this time appeared promising, but the most flattering prospects were soon obscured by depreciation of value in goods, severe losses, and disappointed hopes, which effected a failure in business, and finally the loss of every article he possessed even to the Bed on which he laid. Thus with a wife and two infant children he was reduced to the most abject misery & distress. A situation was sought for and obtained

which would have been the means for subsistance had not a lamentable circumstance taken place this was nothing less than a total loss of sight occasioned by a violent nervous disorder which was produced by the bitter reflections of accumulating griefs, the most eminent Doctors have been consulted but none have given hopes of the least amendment. In this deplorable situation of mising the humble Suppliant entreats your humane consideration and would ever feel grateful for whatever donation your benevolence may prompt you to bestow on an unfortunate tho' once respectable individual and his distressed family — and remain Hond Sir

3 y Phoenix Street

Your Obt & Hble Servant

James Dryden

James Town

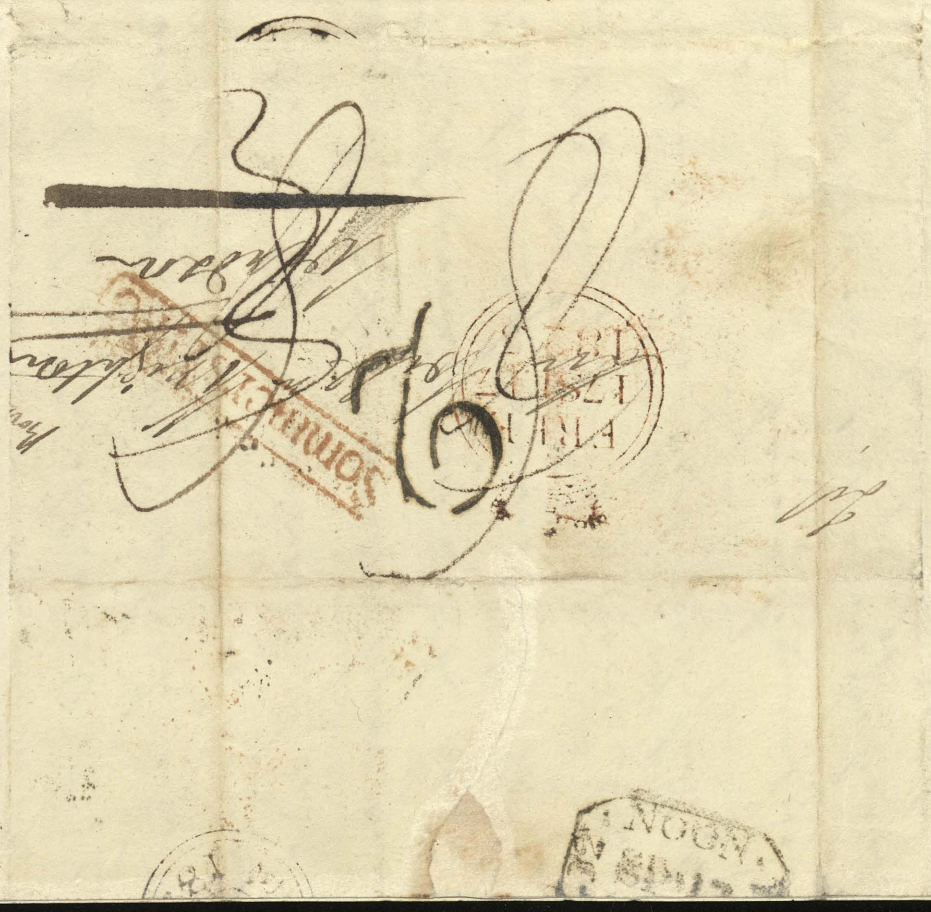
To Sir Coll Knightson Bart

(no date)

James Dryden
of Somers Town

for Assistance

Pet



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Undated

26, Nassau Street
Middlesex Hospital.

Sir,

I hope I shall at least be pardoned for intruding a few moments on your attention, if I fail in the object of my present application. It is for the purpose of respectfully soliciting you to lay before his Majesty a case of peculiar misfortune, which has befallen one who has always been for upwards of 40 years that he has moved as a respectable housekeeper in the metropolis, his faithful, loyal and devoted subject. My only apology for troubling you with the particulars of such a case, which had it been possible I would much rather have kept in secrecy, is that in the case of another whom I happened to be acquainted with, who some time since solicited a similar assistance, the bounty of the Sovereign was as readily and liberally afforded, as it was kindly and handsomely communicated by yourself. I will only beg, that if, as I have no right to expect otherwise, it should be found impracticable for relief to be afforded, you will condescendingly bury in silence an event so humiliating to the other members of the family.

The individual for whom I implore assistance is, I lament to say, my own father. It is possible that the name of Craig as an artist or an author may not be unknown to you; certainly it is not to the royal Family. There is scarcely a noble family in the kingdom by whom my father has not been employed

to the favour of her late most gracious Majesty, the royal consort of George the Third, and next on her royal highness the Duchess of York, he enjoyed in their lifetime, and lost at their lamented decease, a liberal patronage and support. The former illustrious lady, by her own unsolicited act, appointed him her painter in water colours, and one of her Majesty's royal household. And amongst the other high honours conferred on him, was that of having to paint the portraits of her Majesty, and of their royal highnesses the Princesses at Windsor. Next to the royal family, his principal patrons, as nearly as I remember have been the families of the Dukes of Montrose and Buccleugh, the Marquess of Stafford, and the Earl of Morton.

Of my father's published writings, I need only name his "Memoir of her late most gracious Majesty, in large octavo, of which a copy was condescendingly accepted by the King. His "Wreath for the Brow of Youth," published in 1804, and dedicated by permission to her royal highness the late much lamented Princess Charlotte of Wales. His "Galatea" from the Spanish of Cervantes, "dedicated to the Countess of Surry, and his "lectures on the fine arts, recently published by Longman and Co. as delivered by him gratuitously before the Royal Institution, for which the Committee of Management appointed him, a member for life.

But of a family once large in number there are now but two survivors. — my brother has been for the last 8 years minister of St James's episcopal chapel Edinburgh. and I myself am within 3 terms of finishing my residence at Oxford, with a view to the same sacred profession which he is following. My own support there has been effected for me by my brother and the kindness of Dr Macbride, the professor of Arabic in that university.

Since leaving home about five years since, I am sorry to have to mention that a certain imbecility of mind almost approaching to a species of superannuation added to the badness of the times, has reduced my unhappy father from ease and comfort to poverty; I am now summoned up to town to find [illegible] common prisoner in Whitecross Street of debts not altogether do not exceed 200 £. but it is utterly impossible for me to obtain the means of defraying. I am aware that this is from mismanagement, but age and infirmity must be his excuse. And now a victim to his constitutional disorder, the gout, at the age of 80 years, after a life even of affluence, he is languishing in prison, with the lowest and most profane for his companions who mock his deplorable condition, and insult his misery. It is our intention, on his liberation to remove him altogether from London, and to place him in a quiet retirement to the end of his days. But to defray the debt incurred is utterly out of our power. May I be allowed with the utmost deference to solicit that you would be pleased to lay the case before his Majesty, and to consider if such a relief

can in any way be afforded. All I would ask is, that if such a sum as I have mentioned could in any way be afforded him, my father might be allowed to spend his remaining retirement in some work of art on any subject his Majesty might be pleased to name, and to lay it

To the right honourable
Sir William Knighton
Kensington Square
&c &c &c.

Feb

after 1828
Mr Kershaw Gray
to
Sir Wm Knighton

as his last effort, and his chef d'oeuvre at the feet of his sovereign and royal benefactor.

I remain with the greatest respect,
Sir, your most obedt. and very humble Servt.
John Kershaw Gray.