My Dear Sir

your Letter which I received about half an hour ago has placed me in the most embarrassing situation — the work is three fourths completed — my directions are in writing — the Alternative you state is impossible — the — but pray let me see you for five minutes this Evening — I dine at Mr Ward's in Soho square & will take my chance of your indulging me at 8 o'clock as I must send off express to morrow Morning — if I work must be stopped — we must do so

Faithfully yours

8 o'clock

J Nash

Sh. you so suit Letter pray send me word to Mr Wards on the South side of the square the house on the corner

5 o'clock Sat: 20 April 1822

Mr. Nash.

On the Stand fitting up at Ascot.

Will call in Sackv. Place this Eve.
for further Explanation.

To Robt. Gray Esqr
&c &c &c

My Dear Sir

I regret exceedingly that so much progress has been made in the Stand, that full two thirds of the expence has been already incurred, the walls will be ready to put on the Roof on Wednesday, which is a flat formed of Iron joists and arches and are all ready to put up - the Stone Columns are made, the sashes, frames, flooring boards and doors are all made, and the Stone Steps are got out - when you consider that the whole must be fit for occupation by the Races, which are the first week of June, you will easily perceive the exertion I have been obliged to make to accomplish His Majesty's wishes -
I never had occasion to make greater and gladly would have avoided it, but I was so pressed by Genl. Bloomfield that I had no alternative, but I took every precaution to avoid blame - I at the desire of Genl. Bloomfield presented the plan to the Master of the Horse to lay before the King accompanied with an Estimate £773. -.- in which I distinctly stated that the Rents of the Park (no longer required for Brighton) might be applied to that purpose -
There is a large area which must be filled up in the event of the work being stopped, as it will be otherwise dangerous when the Course is thronged with people - and the materials must be carried back to Windsor -
With regard to the work being undertaken by the Office of Works, it does not belong to that department the Office of Woods & Forests most certainly ought to

defray this expense; the Race ground being by the enclosure act made part of the Royal property under the management of that office, and the King being compelled to keep it as a Race Course — If this were properly stated, the Treasury would most likely direct the payment of it —

I send you the plan as delivered to the Duke of Dorset, on the back of it appears to be written in pencil the King's commands (perhaps by the King himself) — I send you also Genl Bloomfields Letter which accompanied it, by which you will see that the enclosure of the ground is additional, but may be done another year — I should advise that the Stand be completed, and in the mean time a requisition to be made to the Treasury on the ground before mentioned, which I will draw up in official form if you think it right —

Ever my Dear Sir
faithfully Yours

John Nash

Dover Street
April 21st 1822

Robt Gray Esq

Pray return me the Plan and Genl Bloomfields Letter when you have done with them —

31682

Copy of Sir Benj.n Bloomfield's letter referred to in the a.n.e going -

The Pavilion
April 2. 1822

My dear Nash

The Duke of Dorset handed ~~me~~ the inclosed Plan ‡ for the new Stand at Ascot, of which His Grace desired me to say The King approved. His Majesty added that the Site was to be the same as at present, & desired that a small Piece of Ground should be inclosed at the back.

Yours sincerely
B. Bloomfield

J. Nash Esq

‡ This Plan of the proposed Stand has the Sum of £773 - specified thereon, which, like the whole drawing, is in Pencil; and on the back thereof is written, also in pencil -

"Approved - The Stand to be exactly in the "place of the present, and a small piece of ground "to be taken in at the back" -

but this Memm. (which Mr. Nash suggests as being perhaps written by The King himself) seems to be in the hand of Sir B. Bloomfield - R.L.G.

21. April 1822

Mr. Nash

With Plan of the Stand erecting at Ascot, & Sir B. Bloomfield's Letter directing the execution of it.

The Expence shd. be defrayed by the Office of Woods & Forests.

31683

Somerset Place
24. April 1822

My dear Sir

The King adheres to ~~the~~ his determination of not allowing the Expence of the Stand at Ascot to be charged against His Majesty's private funds, considering it to belong to the department of Woods & Forests. As you entertain the same opinion, and are pleased to offer to draw up a requisition to the Treasury on the grounds suggested in your letter of 21st instant, ~~therein in official form~~, I have to request you ~~to~~ will favour me with ~~the~~ a draft ~~of it therein~~ of the official form at your convenience.

I retain the Stand ~~with~~ Sir H. Bloomfield's letter for the present, but you may rely on my soon returning them.

Believe me dear Sir
Your's sincerely
Robert Gray

John Nash Esq
Dover St.

24. April 1822

To Mr. Nash

The King continues his determination not to allow the Expence of the new Stand at Ascot to be charged agst. his private funds.

= This written in consequence of Sir Wm. Knighton's communication last night, of His Majesty's pleasure respecting payment.

My Dear Sir

In answer to your Letter of this day - I transmit herewith the heads on which I conceive that the expense of the Stand should be defray'd by the Woods and Forests, heretofore there communi= =cations have been made to the Treasury by Genl Bloomfield by command of the King - but having understood from Mr Bicknell that our (the Commrs. for managing Windsor park) report on the new Enclosure & future regulat. of the Park - delivered to the Lords of the Treasury though actually signed by the King were objected

to as not conveyed through
a proper Channel I am
apprehensive that in the
present instance the
communication should
be made directly from
the King to Lord Liverpool
in the meantime I have not
(as arranged with you on
Saturday) stopped the workmen
and I have ascertained that
the work is all actually
ready and requires only
fixing — this you may
readily conceive when its
is to be occupied by the 4th
of June (not 6 weeks) & that
to accomplish it the roof
must be on this week
however the moment I
receive your further

instructions for that purpose
I will go down and order
the workmen to stop

I am Dear Sir
faithfully yours
J Nash

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24 April 1822

24 April 1822

Mr. Nash

With the grounds of argument for referring to the Wards & Foresters the Expence of erecting the new Stand on Ascot Race-course.

By

In the act for enclosing and dividing Windsor Forest Ascot race ground (being part of the Forest) is by the Act given to the Crown as part of the Crown allotment and directed to be kept as a public race course

the Race course is therefore now Crown property has merged into Windsor Park & become part of the Windsor Park establishment

whilst the ground was open Forest the King had a stand which was erected & pulled down every year in common

with other Stands put up by
the Public — but being now
a Royal Race Course standing
on the private property of
the Crown H. M. Commanded
a permanent and fixed Stand
to be erected with a piece of
ground at the back enclosed
with gates the Cost of which
will be 900 £ and to be ready
by the next Ascot meeting
which being early in June
H. M. Commands could
not be effected if the work
were to be deferred 'till the
necessary authority could
be obtained
all the Buildings ~~[illegible]~~
in Windsor Park (Cumberland

Lodge excepted) have been erected & are maintained by the Woods and Forests and it is H. M. pleasure that they furnish the means for erecting the Stand in Question — shall be furnished by the same Department

31688

By the Act for dividing and inclosing Windsor Forest, Ascot Race-Ground (then part of the Forest) was vested in the Crown as part of the Crown's Allotment, and directed to be kept as a public race-course; since which it is understood to have merged into Windsor Park, & to have become part of the Windsor Park Establishment.

Whilst the ground was open Forest, the King had a Stand which was erected & pulled down every year, in like manner as other Stands set up by the Public; but being now a Royal Race-Course ~~standing~~ on the separate property of the Crown, ~~The~~ King has ~~directed~~ desired that a permanent & fixed Stand should be erected, ~~with~~ and a small piece of ground at the back ~~to~~ be inclosed with Gates, the cost of which ~~will be~~ may altogether ~~about~~ be about £900 -; and this being wanted to be ready by the next Ascot Meeting, early in June, it has been necessary to make some preparations towards ~~the same~~ it, otherwise the work could not be ~~completed~~ in time.

As all the Buildings in Windsor Park (Cumberland Lodge excepted) have been erected & maintained by the Office of Woods & Forests, it is Her Majesty's desire that the means of erecting the before mentioned Stand may be ~~provided~~ by the same department -

Royal Stand at Ascot

Why to be erected by the Office of Woods & Forests -

25 April 1822 - Plan drawn up, from a Paper of Mr. Nash's, & fair drat. sent to Sir Wm Knighton with a letter, suggesting that it should be del.d by The King to L.d Liverpool, instead of being sent to Mr. Huskisson, or to a Sec.y of the Treas.y -

7. May - Sir Wm K. reported that The King having ment.d to Sir Chas. Long the more important subject of Exp.s at the Cottage, Windsor Park, incurred without waiting for the official sanction of the Treas.y the same had been communicated to Lord Liverpool; and that those works (at £12,000.) were to be provided for by Government, on Condit.n that nothing further be entered upon with.t the regular Order for War.t from the Treasury.

Looking to the relief thus proposed, it was not thought worth while at present, if at all, to notice the Stand -

Richard

Wm

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chel B. 31690

8th July 1822 — Received of His Majesty King George the 4th by payment of Robert Gray Esquire the Sum of Four hundred and sixteen pounds — being the amount of the Valuation made by Mr Blayland and Mr Attree on the 6th of april last of Furniture and Fixtures belonging to me now in certain Premises at Brighton contracted to be sold by Mrs Mary Hall the Devisee in trust of the late Nicholas Hall Esquire to his said Majesty — And I hereby undertake to return the said Sum of £416 upon the said Furniture and Effects — being redelivered to me in the event of the said Contract for Sale not being carried into effect by reason of any defect in the Title of the said Mary Hall to the said Premises —

£416 —

Robert Green

Witness Jno. Minshull Clerk to Messrs. Kaye Freshfield & Kaye

Mr. Rob.t Gwecen

For Furniture & Fixtures in part of the Premises of the late Nich.s Hall Esq.re at Brighton agreed to be sold to His Majesty.

£416 . . . . . .

Mar 1822

Downing Street
1st Decr. 1822

Sir

When Sir B. Bloomfield was Keeper of the Privy Purse, he upon two occasions advanced to Mr. Sollitt One hundred Pounds at each time in consequence of him not being in possession of the Emoluments arising from the Situation of Assay Master in the Duchy of Cornwall. I believe you are aware that the Hon. Geo. Germain

has been appointed Agent Master in trust for Mrs Sollitt, & he on the part of this Lady, is very desirous of expunging to the Privy Purse the Sum of Two hundred Pounds which she had received.

Sir Wm Knighton to whom I mentioned the subject has informed me that Her Money ought to be paid to you.

I have therefore to request that you will enable me to let

ust Mr. Germain knew how he shall
transmit the Money to you, & you will
further oblige me by giving Information
as to the proper mode of receiving the
Salary of Assay Master.

I shall be very much obli-
ged to you if you will write me
such an Answer as I may send to
Mr. Germain, & as I leave London
Tomorrow, I should be very glad if
you could favor me with the Letter

in the course of Tomorrow Morning

I am Sir

Your most obed.t humble Servt

Adolphus

Robt. Gray Esq.r

Dec.r 1822

Extra.d Receipts Pr Accts. Chad.r of Privy Purse

1822

Dec.r 11. From Right Honble. on account of } 200.....
Allowance for Privy Purse Wages

Dec.r 8. From Mr. Waters, Chief Cr. of Chest } 818. 6. ..
Brighton Accounts

11. From Mr. Hickson, returning Debts } 71. 17. 6
improperly charged on Orders
imprested for the King's Household

Payments Extra.d Pr Gen.l Abst.t

1823

Jany.y 2. To Mr. Hall, Wine Merchant of the Cellar
Jany.y Bill by Account, for Brandy &c.
Purchased Jany.y 1823 for Presents under
the Royal Sign Manual from 10 April last
the day — — — — — — — £ 558. 12. 7
Gratuities & Fees on Salaries — 742. 9. ..
(exclusive of those paid to Officers)

£ 1291. 1. 7

Mr. Thos. Gryffs, who was predecessor to Mr. Carpenter as Deputy to the Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall, received a Salary of £100 ⅌ Annum which was paid out of the Profits of the Office of the Receiver General (then The Rt. Honble Richard Brinsley Sheridan)

Mr. Carpenter was appointed Deputy Receiver to Mr. Sheridan on 8th Sept. 1809.

In his first Account with the Receiver General he claims the Sum of £10.12.6 "from the date of his Appointment "8th Sept. 1809 to the 29th only at for the "present as ⅌ Agreement £185 ⅌ "Annum"

In his next Account, for the year ending at Michas 1810, he claims £200 for his Salary, and against this Item in the Account is the

following

following Memorandum -

"N.B. This is the Sum authorized
"by Mr. Sheridan under his hand
"and witnessed by Mr. Adam,
"but Mr. C. submits to account
"as Mess.rs * B & C. shall direct"

* Biddulphs & Co

It does not appear that this Sum or any part of it, was dis-allowed! It is probable however that something passed on the subject, as, in the Subsequent Account to Michas 1811, he claims £100 only for the year's Salary -

See Patent Book Lib: 3 - Fo. 152 -

On 20th March 1812 - A Warrant passed under the Privy Seal for an Additional Yearly Salary of One Hundred Pounds to the Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall to commence from Michas preceding, and it is believed (tho' not stated in the Warrant) for the purpose of enabling the Receiver General to augment the Salary of his Deputy, as in that and in every succeeding

Year

year he has been regularly allowed the Annual Salary of Two Hundred Pounds out of the Profits of the Receiver General's Office –

Duchy of Cornwall

Memorandum

—

respecting the Library
of the Duchy to the Rev.
Gent. for the County
of Cornwall —

Mrs

My Dear Prince

There may be something contained in Jane's note of last night. I shall think of it; at any rate it will be in vain to seek for money ~~at present~~ in the old quarter, considering how much the foreign Securities are at present affected.

I have returned Nash's letter which should be carefully kept. I have

got at the Bankers, at
present, a clear fourteen
thousand Pounds.
I mention this, that you may
know exactly what we may
by & by be capable of
doing —
I settled with Mr Sumner
yesterday that he must to
pay his Taxes — I also
settled with him that four

hundred p.ds ann: was all to be allowed for the Lambeth House Library — This I will strictly adhere to. God bless you! I set off in a hurry on Tuesday —

Sir Henry, whom I saw this morning, gave me a comfortable account of your health — I shall do all I can, to contribute to it —

I have been thinking a good deal of Mrs Fitzherbert. I am afraid that I must not touch it.

Can I, or ought I to do any thing for this wretched man —

Ever Dear affectionate

Wellington

10. Lower James Street, Golden Square
2. December 1822.

Sir

Emboldened by your former condescension & kindness and by the compassionate feeling evinced for my misfortune in the loss of my situation in the Duchy of Cornwall, I presume again most respectfully to solicit your kind influence and charitable exertions in my behalf. Since the unhappy period of my dismissal from the Duchy (nearly two Years) I have with my Family (now consisting of a Wife and 4 Children, the eldest only Six Years of Age) endured the severest hardships and privations, and, with the exception of a few Months temporary engagement, been wholly unemployed and wanting means for their necessary provision. My Mind, Sir, as you may naturally suppose, has suffered a martyrdom of anxiety and distress and in this melancholy and heart breaking situation am I at present, all my exertions to procure employ proving fruitless and having nothing, saving such trifling assistance as our Relatives can afford from their limited means, to support us. However great my error may have been Sir (Heaven knows it originated not in natural depravity of heart or in an innate propensity to crime) my sufferings will I trust be charitably considered as having in some degree atoned

for

for it - and if, under this consideration, pardon and forgiveness can in mercy be extended towards me, my gratitude will be as fervant as my contrition is sincere - On you Sir rest my most sanguine hopes - The circumstance of my having filled my late situation during Fifteen Years - and that, to the satisfaction of my most respected Superior Mr Gray, until the period when I unguardedly fell into the fatal vortex of my ruin, as many more experienced & better Men had done before me, will I trust plead for me and induce you Sir to represent my melancholy situation to that high authority whose well known gracious and merciful disposition is ever alive to the distresses of the unfortunate in error - Supported by your powerful interest I despair not of gaining His Majesty's most gracious pardon and of being restored to some permanent employ where my exertions to merit the same shall be unremitting and where experience of the past shall be the beacon to warn me from again erring from the conscientious path of rectitude - By thus benevolently advocating my cause Sir - you will bind an unhappy family in obligation for ever and I doubt not be the means of raising us from our present state of misery and despair to a comparative state of comfort and happiness - My wife who on a former occasion had the honor of waiting on You and experienced your kind assurances of pity and regret for our misfortunes, will again attend you herewith and gratefully receive such advice and instructions as in your kindness and judgment you may be pleased to give

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obliged

and obedt humble Servant

Geo. Thos. Fisher

Sir Wm Knighton Bart
&c. &c. &c.

27. Janry 1823.

To Sir Wm Knighton.

That I. D. D. has looked over the P. P. Accounts with Mr. Gray, to enable him to make out a List of Payments which I desirable to be made.

Mr. Nash objects to give a Rect. in full, but on certain conditions.

Mis

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D. of Y. Somerset Place
27. Janry 1823.

Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that I have been looking into the Prin. Purse Accounts this morning with Mr. Gray, as you directed me, and have received sufficient instructions from him to be enabled me to make out a Schedule of the Bills requiring the first immediate attention, which I hope to accomplish without Delay.

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I wrote upon Mr. Nash on Saturday agreeably to your commands, and stated to him that tho' you could not admit the Sums wch. ought to be paid by other Departments into the Privy Purse Accounts you would do all in your power to further his endeavours to obtain payment thereof wherever due. He expressed his unwillingness, however, to give a Receipt in full as you would require, unless he were to be furnished with a List of the Sums deducted from his Accounts to be charged to the Lord Chamberlain attested by you; as, without such an authority of his sort he is apprehensive the Accounts he might deliver in there would be rejected: With such a Document, however, he would not hesitate entirely to exonerate the Privy Purse from further Demands. With respect to the Bills for Bricks deducted in the Commission Acct., Mr. Nash allows that those which were last delivered in were not used, and agrees in the propriety of their being disallowed for Commission; but he represents all others to have been used, of which he will obtain a certificate from Mr. Wixon.

I beg to add that Mr. Gray continues much the same as he was on Saturday -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your very faithful
& obt. humble Servant,
F. Dawes Dawes

Sir Willm. Knighton Bart
&c — &c — &c.