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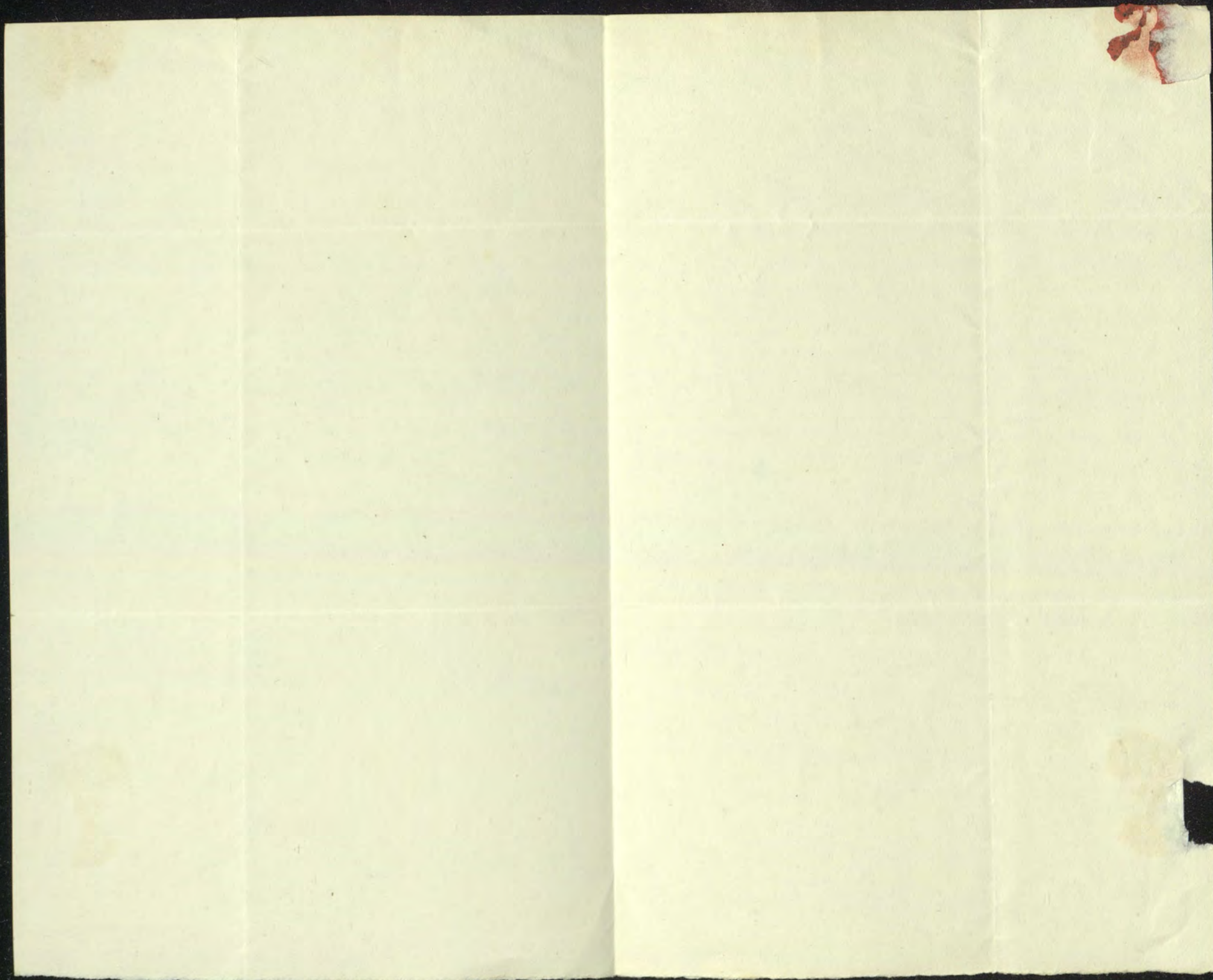
Mr John Cventry

George Harrison Esq
Treasury Chambers

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Mr Cventry presents his
Compliments to Mr Harrison
he shall have great Pleasure
in attending a meeting on
Monday next & Mr Denton
shall be written to by this
Days Post

32 St James' Place
22^d April 1824



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Treasury Chambers,

23^d April 1824.

My Dear Lord,

I am very sorry to break in upon your period of relaxation but in a matter of some importance, and which presses in point of time, I am sure I shall experience Your Lordship's Indulgence for so doing —

On Tuesday I received a note from the King "desiring that I would (in the absence of Mr. Arbuthnot) pay immediate attention to, and forward the objects of the Purchases at Bishops' Gate (and W. Country's in particular) concerning which His Majesty had sent Mr. Aiton expressly "to state the King's Sentiments to me" —

From Mr. Aiton's communication I found that the King was particularly anxious that
The Earl of Liverpool R^{ly}. no

no time should be lost in opening a negotiation with Mr. Coventry, as Mr King had heard that a Treaty was actually on foot between Mr. Coventry and an individual for the purchase of his place.

I saw both Sir Chat. Long, and Mr. Robinson yesterday morning, and I was authorized by them to make an immediate communication to Mr. Coventry; which I have done, and I am happy to say that we have been in time to prevent the Sale from taking place - I find that there was a Treaty actually on foot for the Sale of the Place to Mr. Westerra for £7000. This is rather a satisfactory circumstance, for, if as I hope Mr. Coventry will be induced to accept a trifling sum above the Price offered by Mr. Westerra; it will be the best proof that the Price ^{given} is not exsepive - a place is worth what

what it will fetch - and a real and bona fide
 offer is as good a criterion of Value as any
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 on Monday next for the purpose of
 commencing the negociation and discussing
 the terms - I am convinced from the urgency
 of His Majesty's Note to me that it would be
 very gratifying to Him that this matter should
 be reduced to a certainty as soon as possible.
 and I think there is very little doubt that if
 I were empowered to make him (Mr Coventry)
 an offer a little above Mr Westons's that
 he would close with it - after the great
 delay which has already occurred (and at which
 he has expressed much dissatisfaction) and
 the progress actually made in His Treaty with
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Mr. Westera, it would be in vain to expect that he would consent to remain in a state of uncertainty for a fortnight longer.

If your Lordship approves, I would therefore propose to make him a positive offer a little exceeding Mr. Westera's, say 7000 Guineas instead of Pounds, or as a maximum £7500 Pounds — This course of proceeding meets Mr. Robinson's and also Sir Chas. Long's views of the subject. —

The Treasury Minute of the 13th Inst would seem to confine the Functions of the Commissioners nominated by that Minute to "the Purchase or Exchange of Land adjoining to the Castle." (These are the words of it).

Mr Robinson has desired me to say to your

Lordship

Lordship that this is his Construction of the Minute,
 and the view entertained by him as to the Extent,
 of the responsibility of the Commissioners - and in
 this construction and view of the Matter Sir Chas.
 Long concurs - In the Idea that the Superintend-
 = dance of the Commissioners was considered as
 resorted to more for the regulation of matters of
Taste with reference to what connected
 itself with the Fabric and Improvements
immediately attaching to it. - But that all
outlying and more distant purchases (which
 did not connect themselves ornamentally with
 the Fabric) were to be conducted upon the
 responsibility of the Treasury - Mr. Courtenay's
 Property is one of those outlying and more
distant properties, and the Kings Note to me
 refers

refers only to that and others of the same
Description -

It would very much expedite all these
matters, and clear the Ground before Your
Lordship returns to Town, if you would empower
me to agree with Mr. Country upon the terms
which I have suggested, and also to ascertain
the feelings of the other Individuals who have
outlying property adjoining Windsor Great
Park, as to their dispositions to sell, and
upon what terms.

If this course should meet with Your
Lordship's approbation, and you could favour me
by return of Post (which I should get on Monday
morning previously to my Interview with Mr.
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as to W. Country's, which I am otherwise afraid
might slip thro' our hands, much to the King's
dissatisfaction and disappointment —

I shall keep Mr. Arbuthnot informed of all
my proceedings, and communicate from time
to time with Mr. Robinson and Sir Chal. Long
thereon.

I sincerely hope that your Lordship
has derived benefit from the waters of Bath,
the change of air, and this temporary relaxation
from official hurry and trouble; too sick I
am very sorry to be forced to occasion

this interruption I have the honor to be
My Dear Lord.

Your truly faithful & obliged

signed Geo: Harrison

Copy. 23^o April 1024.

Mr. Thomson

to

Lord Stair's hand

Wm. & M. Purchase
of Mr. Comyn's
Paper 5-

Not to be filmed

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23^d April 1824.

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My Dear Lord

Your truly faithful & obliged

servant. Geo: Harrison

Copy. 23rd April 1821.

Mr. Harrison

to
Lord Liverpool

Wm. J. M. purchase
of Mr. Grenville's papers

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Treasury Chambers
23^d April 1824.

My Dear Arbuthnot

I am very sorry to break
in upon your short period of Relaxation
from business, but you will feel the
urgency of it and therefore excuse it —

As the readiest way of putting you in
possession of all the circumstances of the case
I send you a copy of a letter which, (with
Mr Robinson's approbation) I have this day
written to Lord Liverpool —

I hope and trust I shall receive the word
"I approve" from him on Monday before
I see you — Pray let me hear from
you also. — I can perceive that Mr King
The Right Honble
Chas. Arbuthnot

would

would be very angry (and indeed I think with good reason) if we were to let Country's place slip through our Fingers — Another 24 hours might have placed it out of our Reach, if I had not taken immediate Measures on the receipt of the King's Note to stop the completion of the Sale to Mr. Westmore — as Your Representative (which you will perceive from the King's note I am considered) I must not suffer you from any Superiority of mine to get into discredit with him, in which I should also be involved myself. I sincerely hope therefore that Lord L. will empower me to conclude the Bargain with Mr. Country on the terms

I have
you

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I have suggested - Pray let me hear from
you by return of Post -

Believe me ever

Most truly Yours

Signed Geo: Kemison.

Copys. 23^d April 1824

Mr. Wm. Mason

To

Mr. Arthur Hurd

copy the date of

Mr. Garrison's papers

Pursuant to my Instructions from The Commission
of His Majesty's Woods Forests and Land Revenues
I have Surveyed The Freehold Property of The
Hon^{ble}. John Coventry, situate at Bishopgate near
Englefield Green and on the border of Windsor Great
Park.

The principal Enclosure of land which abutts
immediately upon the Park Northwards, and on the
Forest Road Southwards, contains 8 acres and 38
perches, chiefly pleasure ground whereof about 2 acres
(of the meadow) are in the Parish of Egham & were
annexed under the late Enclosure Act - and the
remainder on which the Villa, Offices & other
Buildings stand is in the Parish of Old Windsor.

The Villa is two stories in height, having a
Conservatory extending nearly 70 feet in the South
front and returning about 34 feet on the West.
On the Ground floor is a small Hall - a spacious
& elegant bowed Dining room (33 ft. by 21 ft. 9 in.) - a
small library or Breakfast room, and a gentleman's
Bed room, beyond it on the same level; also a Butler's
Pantry, Bed room & Strong Closet connecting - a
Housekeepers Room & China Closet - Convenient
Kitchen Offices, - and eight Bed rooms over
the ground floor apartments. To the East
of these is a commodious Stable Court containing
two - 3 stall Stables, standing for 2 Carriages - Corn

Straw & Coal houses. Other accommodations and further Eastwards is situated the principal Kitchen Garden of about an acre properly walled in & having a Gardeners Lodging Room & ornamentally built in the centre of it, and two Pumps with Stone Cisterns. Connecting with the House Northwestwards is a small Court, in which is an ancient fashioned Rustic Building used as a Wood house & Mushroom house, with two Chambers in the upper part, - and attached thereto opening into the yard further Westwards is another double Coach-house. Next Westwards is a small Farm-Yard with a Cow house of 5 ties - a loose horse Stable Piggery and Sheds - and further to the West in the second Kitchen Garden, is a recently built Gardeners Cottage conveniently disposed - some of these Buildings are immediately upon the edge of the Royal Parks -

On the South side of the Forest Road & also abutting thereon is another piece of Meadow Land containing $5 \frac{3}{4}$ ^{a. r. p.} which was likewise annexed to this Property about 8 years ago under the Egham Enclosure Act, in the S. W. corner whereof stands a newly built & very neat Labourers Cottage, slated, and at the S. E. corner, a neat Octagon shaped Hovel for cattle, also slated.

Not far from this plot Southwards is another Enclosure of meadows of about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ acres, with a

new Laborers Cottage, rather superior to the
last described, and also of recent construction.

This Property tho' on a small scale, has
been very tastefully formed & laid out, at great
labor and Expense (having probably cost from
12 to 15 thousand Pounds,) and with considerable
attention to convenience throughout, and
advantageously circumstanced as it also is, in
regard to its locality, it may be expected
readily to find a purchaser. I am of
opinion that with the various fittings, and
including the Furniture, which however is
scanty and of a very indifferent description,
from 7. to 8 thousand Pounds, may reasonably
be required for it.

A Rhodes.

23. April 1824.

Mr. Wood's

Report respecting

the Cornings' Patent

of the Cornings' Patent, &c.

Great Britain

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24 April 1826

W^m Wentworth

I have sent this under cover
to Felix to insure its receiving
it tomorrow.

I hope Will is got quite well
& that you keep so.

Ever y^r most truly
Obedt^h

Pray direct to me in White-
hall Place as I am going
from this part of the Country.

I shall be in London on
Wednesday.

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Drayton House

Sat: 24th April

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My Dear Garrison

I shall be exceedingly glad
if you are able to get W^m
Coventry's Place, & I should
strongly advise that even
some hundred Pounds more
sh^d be given rather than lose
it. Indeed I feel that that
Place, & the whole of the Strip
of Land near Bishop Gate which
Aiton will have shown you on
a Map ought to be purchased.

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I certainly do not agree with what, from your letter, appears to be the opinion of Robinson & Son as to the intention of Parliament in granting the £300,000. —

The Government must undoubtedly be responsible for the whole sum; but I do feel much strongly that the Commission was intended to give its opinion in respect to the Purchases of Land, whether that Land was quite in the vicinity of

of the Castle or at some distance from it. — If the Commission is to have no concern with such Purchases, I cannot guess why I am in virtue of my office to be a Member of it.

However, this question has nothing to do with the subject of your letter — as far as I am concerned I say most readily "I approve"; & I earnestly hope that the Purchase may be immediately brought to a successful termination. I

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Bath

April 24th 1824

My Dear Sir,

I have just received your
Communication on the Subject of the
Purchase at Bishopsgate, and I
entirely approve of your entering into
the Negotiation with Mr. Coventry upon
the Terms stated in your Letter -

I am happy to say that
I have derived Benefit from my Visit
to this Place, and that the Waters continue
to agree with me. I am, My Dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
George Harrison Esq

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24 April 1824

The Earl of Liverpool
on the Subject of the
Purchase from
Country.

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Fife House
24 April

My dear Garrison

I have not seen
any Remonstrance from
Mr Geo. Stanton to date
against the Decision of
the Treasury on Dr. Shovins
application.

Dear Sir ever
Yours

J. C. Brudenell

