

Mrs. R. B. Sheridaw b. H. P. H.

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Little Stanhope Street  
Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> 1808

Sir,

Before I presume to avail myself of that goodness which prompted your Royal Highness to honour me with your advice and assistance two years ago, and which alone could induce me now to trespass on your time and attention, allow me to express my sincere regret that the event which your Royal Highness's generosity has rendered beneficial to me should have deprived you of a friend.

I feel assured Sir, that in

restoring on Sheridan the Place  
of Receiver General of the Duchy of  
Cornwall you have at heart to  
relieve both him and me from  
difficulties with which your Royal  
Highness is but too well acquainted,  
which have been daily increasing,  
which are as disadvantageous to him,  
as they are distressing to me, and  
from which I cannot possibly be  
relieved, unless some arrangement  
could be made, for which your  
Royal Highness's goodness seems  
now to have afforded an opportunity  
by securing some certain Income  
separately to me. By this, I might,  
before other claims come upon  
Sheridan, be enabled to pay my

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private debts, and by continuing  
 to give my Son a good education  
 do some justice to his charming  
 disposition and talents which I  
 trust will one day render him  
 worthy of your Royal Highnesses  
 notice. But you Sir, alone  
 can accomplish this — such a  
 proposal made by you if it should  
 appear to be wholly unknown to  
 me, could not fail to obtain the desired  
 immediate acquiescence, and I hope  
 I may be allowed to add that  
 the relief to be derived from it,  
 as an additional mark of your  
 Royal Highnesses favor and  
 protection would be doubly  
 valuable to me.

I believe that in calling

Sherridan's attention to the remarks  
made by the world on the  
distressing situations in which I  
am so continually placed, your  
Royal Highness will only be  
stating facts, and by manifesting  
a desire to contradict such  
remarks, at the same time bestow  
on him the most flattering proofs  
of your consideration. But I  
do not presume to dictate to  
your Royal Highness on a subject  
on which your peculiar knowledge  
of Sherridan's character makes  
you so incomparable a Judge.

Having submitted this matter  
to your Royal Highness's consideration

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I have only to desire that should  
 my request be deem'd an  
 improper one, your Royal Highness  
 will at once discard it from  
 your memory, and pardon  
 the presumption which induced  
 me to make it.

I am

Sir

your Royal Highness's  
 Most dutiful and devoted Servant  
 Esther Jane Sheridan

To His Royal Highness  
 The Prince of Wales

Wm. Morrison  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 1880.