

To Sir William Knighson

18 Dec 21
 Most private

My very dear, & old friend,

I have many thanks to return you for the letter I have just received from you, certifying your statement of the serious indisposition of our greatly & much respected & loved friend. I have known Willesey much too long, & too well, ever for a moment, to entertain a thought whether that call, be whatever it may, where his services may be ^{most} materially necessary either for his friend, or for his King & Country. He would with to them for a single instant, from any other motive or reason, but the downright physical impossibility of flying to tender them immediately; & you are therefore easily imagined, that however true, had

properly to appreciate, both, the extent of his
feelings, as well as the nature, of the invaluable
capacity of his Talents & Services, has
truly, in every point of view I can be
assured, from You, to learn, that there is not
any probability of his being much longer
detained from his attending himself this
post.

With respect to your former Letter
my very dear Friend, in mine to You, which
gave rise to that, I told You, that there
are certain things that ^{are} only besetled &
understood betwixt real Friends, when they
are compared with each other, as the French
term it "entre quatre yeux;" for nothing
in the shape of controversy or through the
medium of the Pen, can ever settle this, I
have said "fore," You say that it certainly
would be desirable that we should see
but that unless, that I should have seen

neither the lapse of Time, nor absence itself
can ever make the smallest change in, or in
our towards you. Whatever you may choose
to think,

Ever your most truly affectionate
Saffte friend

Brighton
Decr 18th
1821

J. G. C.

P.S.

I send you enclosed a printed letter
for you, which by some quite in-
-ferrible ^{means} reached me under your
address, here this morning. I can not
even make out by whom it has been
-printed,