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Stephens Green 16th March 1812

Dear Sir

Take the liberty which your most kind and polite communication has given me in acknowledging its receipt, which could not fail to afford me the highest gratification. The very kind terms in which you mention the merit & celebrity of the Freeman's Journal administer not a little to my vanity, as I have been its conductor for the last ten years. With regard however to the publication to which you allude I had little desire - I merely stated your merits & claims, you are therefore under no obligation to me on that head - but I truly confess, that I would be ungrateful indeed, should I not hereafter eagerly seize every opportunity of serving a person by whom I consider myself highly honored & obliged.

I feel a conscious pride that my diurnal political opinions have at all times manifested, that the first wish

Colonel McMahon
P. H. Harvey

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of my heart has been, and I trust will continue to be, to convince the people of Ireland that the Illustrious Personage who truly appreciates your merits, was justly entitled to their unbounded respect & confidence. In thus following the unbiased dictates of my mind, I had a very pleasing task to perform, and succeeded in the most rancorous days of his enemies, in rendering the people of Ireland firmly devoted to His Royal Highness.

It is well known to the Prince Regent, that in 1789 - this Country gave him an unequivocal proof of the personal attachment of all ranks and descriptions of Irishmen to His Royal Highness that my humble and assiduous efforts to contribute to the gratification of His Royal Highness, as you have had the goodness to mention, has impressed on my mind sentiments of gratitude which my pen is unequal to describe. To be enabled to indulge the pleasing expectation that His Royal Highness will continue to estimate the merits & claims of the Irish people, in consonance to His Royal Highnesses former gracious declaration - & thereby ensure the happiness of the whole

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Empire, would afford me the highest gratification that a human breast could be capable of feeling. Be assured that the situation of Ireland is critical in the extreme.

My every effort shall be to advance, through the means of my widely circulated popular Journal, the character of my Prince, whom I have personally known for more than sixteen years - and to secure the peace & prosperity of the Country. I shall continue my labours to cherish in the virtuous hearts of the people of Ireland the same ardent proof of attachment which they have hitherto felt towards His Royal Highness. They will yet prove themselves the steadfast friends of his Throne, and if it should ever be assailed its best Pillars.

I shall be most anxious to propose a circumstance that will unequivocally prove with what truth I have the honor to subscribe myself


Dear Sir

Your very much obliged
I ever devoted

P. H. Harvey

Mr. Hawley
10. March 1912

P. W. Hawley to Col. T. McKeane -
9 Continuation of 19378.

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Notwithstanding that I have been in the habit of
publishing Mr. Cobbe's sentiments - yet I have not, nor
shall not hereafter feel disposed to give insertion to articles
of such a tendency as the enclosed.

