

Mr Thwaites

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Sir,

As great minds are ever liberal, I hope and trust that with your wonted condiscension you will honor this letter with a perusal and communicate its contents to His Royal Highness, the Prince Regent. — I will not, Sir, weary you by a long exordium, but enter as concise as possible on the import of it. — There are a set of Men who have long excited my indignation by making it absolutely a trade, to attack the most exalted characters, in the Realm, and cater for the public warm collation of Royal slanders, which are sought after, and devoured with an avidity incredible. — These Men are invariably rewarded for their villany honored by the notice of the Prince Regent whom they traduce, and advanced to Royal favor when they have fully merited condeign punishment. — Manners, is well bribed for suppressing his exposure of Royal amours, — D West receives a douceur to be silent on the subject — Agg, is most amply rewarded to withhold his "Royal Stripes" and not make Princely delinquencies the Subject

of "Towns Talk." Armstrong, too, finds it well
worth while to pay a man thirty pounds for the
editing of "State Intrigues." — every iota contained
in each of these has all along been well known
to me tho' totally unacquainted with the parties who pro-
duced them, and much more of local occurrences. Yet
so innocent in honor and integrity has my heart ever been,
and so great my veneration for his Royal Highness the Prince Regent
that I even deem it a degradation to make a merit of having
been hitherto silent — Should I, Sir, impelled by poverty —
(for I am scarcely one remove above a beggar) should I turn
Tascel, I must aver that it is His Royal Highness, makes
me one. it would be more congenial to my feelings to
dedicate my pen, and poor abilities, to his Royal Highness
but when "the Lord commands the unjust steward because
he has done wisely" is it not, Sir, a powerful incentive
to a distressed woman, (in daily dread of incumbrances) to
become an apostate. — But if His Royal Highness would con-
-descend to extend his benevolence to me, I would under-
-take to write down all the Opposition writers, and Opposit
speakers of the day. humbly entreating pardon for the
very great liberty I take in addressing you.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most devoted
and most obedient servant
Mary Ann Thwaites.

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