

Sr Richard Phillips to Col. Keekaho

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Private

47 Ludgate Hill

April 6. 1812

Mr I found your obliging  
note at Ludgate Hill after  
I had called at your door  
on my way from my private  
house at Buckingham Gate.

I called privately with a view  
to speak on that subject, but  
with a desire, if a opportunity  
offered, of remarking, entre nous,

on what is passing in the

City among my friends. I con-  
-ceived the possibility of ~~doing~~  
some good, without any compromise

of those public Principles, which

I hope through life to cherish

for the honour of my Sovereign  
& the welfare of my Country.

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Having served a public Office  
in the City, & acted & felt with  
some able & well intentioned  
men, who in the language of  
Poetry are called Demagogues,  
I have sometimes had a voice in  
their deliberations, & I was indeed  
to call at your door, partly  
owing to my reading a paragraph  
before I left home, relative to  
a certain Alderman; In ten towns to  
make a most indelicate motion  
tomorrow at the Common Hall.  
Had I had Mr.iva been at home  
I should have called <sup>him</sup> upon, & expressed  
my anxiety on the subject & heard  
his opinion, — because by a slight  
concert I conceive it may be  
prevented, or ~~prevented~~ <sup>prevented</sup> harmless.  
Indeed, Sir, my experience in the  
Office which I filled has had me

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to apprehend that some mistake  
has attended the report of the  
Sheriffs on this occasion, & it is  
not impossible but the discussion  
of another Hall may be avoided.  
When on two occasions I waited on  
the King to know his pleasure in  
regard to Ad Dufur - he gave his  
answer in the very terms of the  
Prince's answer - & we afterwards  
presented the address in form  
at the Seave, reading it & receiving  
an answer - which is the ancient  
right of the <sup>Common Hall</sup> & will never  
again be inserted upon by the  
Society. -

Now then it is conceived, & has  
unfortunately been so explained  
by Mr Ryder, that the address  
is to be received as though it were  
from the absent unprivileged  
individual, & really I do not  
think this was the intention of

His Royal Highness!

An explanation made in  
some eligible mode, might  
<sup>therefore</sup> not only render the Common  
Hall unnecessary, but would  
adjourn the motion of A.D.  
Wood in die.

This, Sir, was my private  
feeling on the subject, & I felt  
it my duty to submit it  
with respect & deference  
to you. I shall not be at  
Gate till 8 or 9 o'clock, but  
I shall cheerfully wait upon  
you in Pall Mall in the  
course of the morning, if you  
conceive any good purpose can  
be effected by further explanation.

I leave the honour to be  
Sir, your devoted  
A. Phillips

In the  
Pall Mall  
at 10 o'clock  
to the  
Hon. Secy.