

Ed. Daruley to H.R.H.

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Berkley Square  
April 9<sup>th</sup> - 1812

Sir

In consequence of the reports made to me by the Archbishop of York of his late conversations with your Royal Highness, I am induced to think that it may be better to take this method of endeavouring to do myself justice with your Royal Highness, than to persevere further in my request of an audience. In truth I have nothing to offer to your

Royal



Royal Highness but a plain and accurate  
 narration of facts as they have occurred, and  
 since I should despair of removing by any words  
 I could make use of, the impressions which I  
 fear exist at present in the mind of your  
 Royal Highness, I shall rest satisfied with  
 having deposited in your hands what I  
 cannot doubt (from my knowledge of the  
 justice and liberality of your Royal Highness)  
 will prove the ground of my future  
 justification -

In the first place I take the liberty  
 of submitting to your Royal Highness the  
 inclosed statement of every thing said by me  
 in the House of Lords on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March  
 to which your Royal Highness's attention  
 could possibly have been called as

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alluding directly or indirectly to Your Royal Highness, and although I cannot answer for the precise words used, I pledge myself for the accuracy of the meaning conveyed or intended to be conveyed by them; and I have given them without reserve to prove to Your Royal Highness (which I trust you do not doubt) that I am incapable of saying any thing in allusion to any one in his absence, which I should not be ready (if called upon) to repeat in his presence.

If the words actually used by me in the faithful discharge of my public duty should be deemed by Your Royal Highness just ground of your continued displeasure, however deeply I may lament such a

result



result, nothing will remain for me but  
submission to Your Royal Highness's side

With regard to the misrepresentation  
of those words of which Your Royal Highness  
and I have equal reason to complain, I  
can only assure Your Royal Highness with  
the utmost sincerity that my intention  
was to give it the most decided and  
unequivocal contradiction, and if at the  
time I had been aware that Your Royal  
Highness was disappointed in this respect  
I certainly should not have hesitated in  
affording any further explanation that  
might have been required. As soon as  
I saw the paragraph in the Morning  
Chronicle I wrote (as Your Royal Highness

knows)



(know) to Colonel Bloomfield, who called  
on me by command of Your Royal Highness  
and gave me every reason to hope that all  
ground of misunderstanding would be easily  
and satisfactorily removed: at the same  
time I sent for Mr Perry, saw him in  
the evening, and made him promise to  
contradict his misstatement in his next  
Paper in the fullest manner - I was  
dissatisfied with his contradiction, and  
wrote to him to insist on a more direct  
one on the following day in "the most  
conspicuous part of his Paper"; and  
although he did not comply with the  
latter part of my injunction, I thought  
the contradiction sufficiently clear and  
explicit in itself, and trusted that it

would



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could have appeared in the same light  
to your Royal Highness -

With this impression I went out of town  
and on my return about a fortnight after  
I waited on your Royal Highness in  
consequence of the gracious intention you  
had expressed of meeting the Directors  
of the Antiq. Society at my House on  
the following Day, and after the interval  
of about an hour and a half was  
informed by Colonel Pitt-Rivers that  
"your Royal Highness was sorry that you  
could not dine with me" -

Your Royal Highness's invitation for  
the following Wednesday was of course con-  
sidered by me as a compliment, and I accord-  
ingly presented myself at Carlton House



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at the appointed time. When your Royal Highness came into the room my respectful salutation was certainly returned, but during those hours that I remained in your Royal Highness's presence in your own House and at your own table, I was not <sup>honoured</sup> with a single word, or by any token of return from your Royal Highness -

On this occasion the feelings excited in my mind were of such a nature that nothing short of the remembrance of your Royal Highness's former gracious consideration, and my long and respectful attachment to your Person, joined to the situation in which I was placed as a Director of the Ashmolean Museum, and the solicitation of my friends could have

induced



induced me to give your Royal Highness  
the trouble I have occasioned by asking for  
any explanation thereon. It remains with  
your Royal Highness after reading this faithful  
and undisguised narrative of facts which I  
have laid before you, to form your own dec-  
-ision upon it: But as my conscience acquit  
me fully of any intentional disrespect to your  
Royal Highness, or of any thing else not  
perfectly consistent with the disinterested  
attachment I have always professed, I  
cannot help looking forward with confidence  
to the tribunal to which I now appeal,  
the candour and justice of your Royal Highness

I am Sir

Your Royal Highness's  
most devoted  
and most faithful humble servant  
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