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Sir

The very gracious reception I always experienced from your Royal Highness has induced me again to become importunate. In a former Interview I already had the honor to inform your Royal Highness that the Treasury assisted me to establish the Antigallican & I have continued to receive pecuniary aid, but it is always so uncertain that I really am at a loss to know if the Treasury mean to continue their aid or not; and it is for this reason that I humbly request your Royal Highness to ascertain from Lord Liverpool or Mr Arbuthnot whether they mean to give me some kind of permanent support or not, it is fit that I should know it & not be left as I often am in the most embarrassed situation.

I can assure your Royal Highness that Bonaparte as well as his
Dukes on the continent not only wish the Antijacobins to be suppressed
but myself exterminated, this wish is not confined to Persons on the
Continent it is equally the ardent desire of Persons in this Country.

If your Royal Highness wishes to be informed what sensations my
travels make on the Continent principally at Vienna & at St.
Petersburg I can appeal to a Count de Bruges, who is recently
arrived from those Places. He is well known to Lord Castlereagh.

I humbly request to call your Royal Highnesses attention
to a Proposal which I have made to Ministers since my return to
this Country, viz^t to Mr Percival, Mr Arbutnot & to Lord Castlereagh.

No Man so well as myself knows the effects which
certain Publications have on the mind of Bonaparte, & which he
very recently evinced by his angry replies to General Barclay de
Tolly's address to the Germans. I therefore proposed to establish
a kind of Office distinct & separate from any of the Government
Offices, the object of which should be for the Persons employed in
that establishment to write Pamphlets, to scribble to articles

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written in the disaffected Prints, but principally to write Pamphlets in all Languages to be distributed on the Continent. Persons in Office are too much occupid in the daily routine to pay any attention to these Objects, but which every Person who knows any thing at all about Bonaparte is convinced that it will be of the greatest utility. In a conversation I had a short time since with Lord Garmouth, His Lordship told me that he perfectly agreed with me in what I have just stated, & even said that he thought it would be of great use to have the Antijacobin published in French as well as in English.

The Establishment which I propose should be under the direction of the Foreign Office, and the Treasury.

I also informed your Royal Highness that I have ready for the Press a very important Work which I intend calling the Secret History of Bonaparte's Diplomacy, detached Pieces. I have already given in several Numbers of the Antijacobin, but situated as I am I feel very much discouraged to continue my exertions. I have no Fortune, no Friends, I am, by telling so many Truths constantly increasing the number of my enemies, could I however

but have the verbal assurance only of your Royal Highness
or of the Prince Regent that I shall not be persecuted or deserted
whoever may be the Ministers of this Country, I will have no
objection to do every thing in my Power to serve my Sovereign
and my Country, and I cannot help remarking that I am either
worth something or nothing.

Relaying on a continuation of that gracious kindness
which I ever experienced from your Royal Highness, I humbly
beg leave to subscribe myself with gratitude & profound respect,

Your Royal Highness

most obedient & most
devoted humble servant

Lewis Gladstone

25 Sep 1812

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To
His Royal Highness
The Duke of Cumberland.