

Ld. Hastings to Sir B. Bloorfield
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Confidential

Calcutta, July 20 1821.

My Dear Sir Benjamin

I write to you the
other day by the James Sibbald; but there is
so much accident in a ship's making a good
Passage that I take the opportunity of the Deer
to repeat what I said in that letter. The
solicitude of Mr. Canning to get me out from
my present situation, in order that he might
step into it, has been communicated to me
from home by several Friends who could well
observe his management. His information
affords the solution to the extraordinary cir-

- circumstance that every thing has latterly brought
 to me some copying & censorious letters; which
 tho' bearing the signatures of the Committee or of
 the Court, has evidently been penned by Mr. Law-
 -rence himself; as it is impossible for me to
 go on upon such terms, I have not disguised
 to him my perception of the policy adopted.
 The hope has been that I should intempe-
 -rately insist on my recall, thereby furnish-
 -ing the means of impetring the removal
 to my own forwarding. I am not at all inclin-
 -ed to accommodate Mr. Lawrence with that
 excuse: yet, at the same time, I wish you to

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represent with my best Duty to the King
that my position here has been rendered so
irksome as to make me most anxious to ex-
tricate myself from it. Tho' I believe the
Majority of the Directors have been very un-
willing Instruments in the practice, the
object of which they probably did not see,
it has placed me on such a footing with
the Court as would make any further connec-
tion unpleasant for both. The Statement
which I shall have to make of my Con-
-viction will, I am proud to say, justify
the reliance which His Majesty graciously

Mr. Thompson of
Hastings

Mr. B. Bloomfield

July 4. 1821

Amount to be returned
from the Poor's
Fund

Deigned to testify in me.

Adieu, My Dear Sir

Have the honor to remain with the highest regard & esteem

Your faithful & obedient servant

Hastings

The Right Honourable
Sir B. Bloomfield
P. M.

Government bonds were yesterday at seven per cent Premium -