

To His Royal Highness  
The Prince Regent  
The Humble Petition of William Claydon

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That your Petitioner having already presented a Petition to your Royal Highness for the sum of £100 in Payment of a Book which your Royal Highness did bid him to subscribe for, which book has been long since delivered, an answer was given refusing Payment of the same, your Royal Highness's Council recommending the payment to the Agents of the Publishers of the work, notwithstanding a specific agreement Expressing that all the Copies to the Royal Family or any of its Branches should be for their exclusive advantage of Petitioner Referring the Petitioner for his Payment to Recourse against the Agents.

That your Petitioner by that Resolution not to pay him being obliged to submit to great delay & Expence altho' he had offered a Bondemoney your Royal Highness finds himself Ruined & in a Prison and therefore compelled to state to your Royal Highness

That in October 1808 your Petitioner was solicited to purchase a copy of the Book Printed by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Viscount Cornwall containing the Investigation Relative to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales which copy he was to offer to Sir Francis Burdett for 300£ to be paid 300£ for his trouble; but that understanding that such a Transaction would give pain and be offensive to your Royal Highness, Petitioner did notwithstanding the said offer instead of applying to Sir Francis Burdett immediately make his offer known to Mr<sup>r</sup> Corveal on whom he waited at his request & thereby got the said Copy Purchased by Mr<sup>r</sup> Corveal's order and suppressed your Petitioner not desiring nor expecting nor receiving any Remuneration for his trouble nor any Bondemoney for the promised Sum of 300£ your Petitioner being perfectly satisfied without any ostentation or show of his attachment with having defeated an attempt to injure your Royal Highness & others of the Royal Family & to give pain to all by the Publication of matters that did not concern the Public; the Value of which service at least its Reality is proved by Mr<sup>r</sup> Corveal having actually purchased the said Copy altho' it was said to have been a stolen Copy, thereby showing that it was not even content to Engage into the Theft but better to sacrifice Money & Preserve Silence submitting to Imposition & conforming at St Pauls

That further your Petitioner did show his

attachment



Attachment finding that an Attack was meditated on your Royal Highness for certain transactions relative to a Loan attempted to be negotiated in Paris in 1789-90 & 91 in France in which Negotiation Improper Characters were Intrusted, who acted wrong, under the Sanction of an Instrument to which they gave a wrong Interpretation, committing numerous Frauds in consequence, & Under ~~the~~ Colour thereof. Your Petitioner knowing the Circumstances & that tho' others were Guilty, your Royal Highness was free from all Blame wrote at the Request of the Banker to the said Loan, a Statement or Vindication so far as your Royal Highness was concerned which Vindication Petitioner delivered to the said Banker in consequence of which the Premeditated Attack was abandoned. In the course of doing this the Petitioner had Borrowed a Printed Version of the said Loan for 100 £ to Inspect, which was accidentally torn and destroyed of which Circumstance the proprietor taking advantage (he is a man of no Value) arrested Petitioner who after five days Detention was liberated having paid £ 47 10/- for the Demand and Expenses. That your Petitioner had no means of resisting the said demand but by bringing the Matter into Court which would have given Publicly to the very Circumstances which he had originally intended to suppress.

That Previous to these two transactions your Royal Highness had Honoured your Petitioner with your Name subscribed to his Book above mentioned was contented to waive any claim on your Royal Highness and even felt much Satisfaction from what he had done but finding his claim resisted by the Agents of your Royal Highness thro' his stated to them that he was Ruined by the Publishers to who's a prejudice the Agents of your Royal Highness gave a Preference, knowing also that the same was never Explained to your Royal Highness, Petitioner therefore begs leave to appeal to your Royal Highness's Honour Whose Generosity for such Indemnity & Remuneration as to your Royal Highness may seem meet.

That your Petitioner is Ready to prove by Evidence to whom Credit cannot be Refused the Truth & Foundation of the above Statement

Your Petitioner therefore most Humbly prays your Royal Highness that  
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Having rendered such Services & being blamed  
& accused to distress by the Resolution of  
the Agents of your Royal Highness not to  
 pay for the Book (Which Resolution doth do  
 his claim on others of the Royal Family) your  
 Royal Highness may be pleased to order  
 such Steps to be taken as may be  
 suitable to the Involvement & Dignity  
 of your Royal Highness and your  
 Pleasure as in Duty Bound shall ever  
 Pray &c &c &c



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The Prince Regent.

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