

New. July 9. 1834.

My Lord Duke.

An enlargement of the Church of New having been deemed necessary, I wrote, under the authority of H. R. H. The Duke of Cumberland, to Sir William Knighton, on the 15th of February 1830 - stating our wants, and begging His Majesty's gracious Assistance - and on the 6th I waited upon Sir Wm Knighton, at Windsor Castle, in order to give him personally any Information that he might require.

Sir William kindly spoke of a Donation, possibly, of £300, but promised

nothing from that day until Sunday the 20th of February, I heard nothing farther on the Subject. I then, just as I was setting off for my Duty at Peterham, received H. R. H. the Duke

of Cumberland's Commands to wait upon
him. I did so immediately, and
was then informed by him that he
had received, the day before, His Majesty's
Authority for a Donation of £500, towards
the Enlargement of the Church.

I then immediately, after consulting
as to what day it would suit His
Royal Highness to make this Communi-
cation at a Vestry of the Parish,
summoned a Meeting for the following
Friday - 5 March 1830, - on which
occasion, the Proceedings, as stated in
the enclosed Paper, took place, His Royal
Highness himself condescendingly presiding
at the Meeting.

When the work was just on the
point of being commenced, and after conside-
rable expenses had been incurred, it was
unavoidably suspended, from causes, which it
would be only occupying your Grace's time
uselessly,

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for me to attempt to enumerate.
The wants of the Parish, which were
great at the time that His late Majesty
announced his noble Intention of making
the splendid Donation, above stated, have, I
am sorry to say, become much greater at
the present Moment.

There is, in fact, but ^{free} one seat for
400 Inhabitants! and, of course, I cannot
but apprehend that some deprecating Place
of worship will speedily show itself, unless
more room be created in the Parish Church
for the labouring part of the Population.

An application has been once or twice
made for the intended Donation of His
late most gracious Majesty; and I
cannot doubt but that the Payment of it
would be attended with a most beneficial
Effect upon the Parish which it was intended
to benefit.

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord Duke,

your Grace's most faithful
and obedient servant
A. Burgh Byram
Vicar of New.

Mr. Amos

9 July 1834

The Rev. A. Burgh Byram

to

The Duke of Wellington