

New. July 29. 1834.

My Lord Duke, & Sir.

In reply to your Desire, as the Executors of his late most gracious Majesty, I confess that I feel myself totally at a loss how to proceed, in making a charge for placing the Royal Escutcheon in New Church.

It would be easy enough for me to name the Fine for placing the Escutcheon of any private Individual in the Church, but it would be the Height of Presumption, I conceive, in me to make any Demand, by which I should appear to be drawing a Scale between a Subject and the Crown - and indeed, this would be obviously even still more improper on my part, when it is considered that every thing here in the

Shape of Rates - Taxes - or Rents, in which the Crown is concerned, is paid as a Bounty or Gratuity.

Whatever, I am sure, you may be pleased to order, will be such as will be perfectly satisfactory - but, when it is known that the Benefice is wretchedly small, and unaccompanied, as formerly, by a Pension from the Crown, which had been granted to make it a decent Maintenance, it will be obvious at once that I am not at liberty to suffer any one of its Rights to be lost in my Hands.

I readily avail myself of an opportunity for correcting a Mistake, into which my Informant, the Clergyman of Ham, had led me, respecting the Fines, paid by M^{rs} Palmer's Executors

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for her Executors - the fact being, that it was £25 for Ham, but only 20 Guineas for Richmond.

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord Duke, & Sir,
your most Obedient Servant
R^d: Burch Bryan
Nicas of Kew.

To
His Grace
The Duke of Wellington
&
Sir William Knighton

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Dean of the See of Exeter
Baynard, near of Kent; in
subject of the Regent
Barnetston placed in
St. Dunstons -

To Mr. Hunt - 11. Aug. 1834 -