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4 Smiths Square
Westminster Abbey
March 2^d 1837

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of yesterday
date, & to acquaint you that I have
attended to your directions with regard
to Mr Nathan. —

With regard to myself, I feel I am in
a very awkward predicament. —
Chance made me acquainted with cir-
cumstances, and I acted on the impulse
of the moment, with the best intentions.

The restriction to Mr Nathan, tacitly
applies to me; I ought not therefore
to infringe your injunction. — With
the information I possess, and the
knowledge that an intrigue is carried
General Sir Herbert Taylor

G. C. H.

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on beyond our shores, am I to
remain in silent apathy? As publicity
now may be given to these transac-
tions, will it not be said that I
had a guilty knowledge of what was
going on, especially when I know
that Mr Mathews is negotiating to
obtain possession of certain original
letters, at the sacrificing of property,
to lay at His Majesty's feet. —

Permit me therefore, to trust
that you will not deem it a
liberty, my entreating you
advise how to act at this
juncture when perhaps my

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Loyalty as a British Officer and
a subject may be questioned.

In justice to Mr Nathan allow me
to add, that I fear you have mistaken
his disinterested & praiseworthy
efforts in the present cause -

I have the Honor to be
Sir

with great respect

your most obedient
Mumble Servant.

J. H. Colburn
B. S. Colburn



