

Sir John Macdonald to Sir H. Taylor

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My dear Sir

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A thousand thanks
for your kind
letter of yesterday, and for
allowing me the perusal
of your letter to the Duke
of Wellington, which is
clear, and powerful,
and convincing throughout.

I do hope this grace will
bring his mind to what

is

Yours truly
Sir Herbert Taylor

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none inevitable, whether
he does or not - over -
same comparison - Return
the copy of your letter,
and at the same time,
send you the duplicates
for which you have
applied - I shall make
a point of communicating
with Mr. Dampier - Mr.
Ed. Blokeney - and Mr. Geo.
Cameron, in terms of
your suggestion, and shall
send you their answers
as soon as I receive them.
- that I was afraid of, at
a Resumption Committee,
that

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reticence which a man
has, in admitting the failure
of any favourite plan of
his own - However, I agree
with you entirely, as to the
importance of drawing that
admission from the
most superior individuals
in position, and I shall accordingly
endeavour to do so this evening
dinner - ~~The~~ An unqualified
admission of failure,
be it ever unquestionably
be a most powerful
impulse in our hands, that
maintaining the necessity
of continuing the power

imploring Corp^l punishment
to Court Officers of the
Court, perhaps you will, on
the other hand, thank
with me, that nothing
short of such an admission
would materially strengthen
our hands. I need
I can observe you,
that nothing could be
more acceptable to
abolitionists of Corp^l
punishment than to
decide that any one

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Now, as three such
 men as these thought
 it possible, under
 any circumstances,
 to dispense with that
 punishment, and to
 allow the power of
 inflicting it, to be taken
 from us, with safety.
 Here lies the mischief
 of having shades of
 differences of opinion
 amongst ourselves,
 upon

a question in which the
public mind is earnestly
- or rather eagerly committed
As Dr. Hicman has attended
me - I know he has been
in constant communication
with Hobhouse upon the
subject - yet don't let
us run him down, and
teach the King I suppose
that his Majesty has not
a charitable opinion in him.
- The truth is that Hicman
has, of late years, become
too deeply involved in
politics,

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and that, upon this
popular pretence, his
Councils constitute any
Lancasterians here.

I don't be surpris'd if
I appear in street Co. before
you, early tomorrow morning
if the day is very fine.

- It is not possible that
I may run down on the
outside of one Coach, and
up on the outside of another
just after I have seen you
for I am very ambitious to
say a few words to you
but perhaps I had better
defer

It until Wednesday - In the
mean time I expect and
becceseb you not to give
into any scheme for engraving
a new branch of the
office, at all events until
you see me, for I have
some very particular
things to say upon that
subject - Not that we
be desired necessarily, shall
undertake to do with my
present means ~~at all~~
~~moreover~~ - moreover, we have, as
you know, not an inch of
space to spare here - I
give Lord Pet: a loan,
we turned from ~~James~~
with

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Commencible ~~at~~ ^{at} the
 at the top of the Barre,
 where there is frozen one
 day, and birds
 another — I have you
 see any objection to
 our ordering the
particulars of every
 case of carriage pursuant
 to be reported after
 infliction of course,
 but immediately
 to the Agent for the
Commander in Chief's
consideration — that
is expedient

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not intended, and Cartwright
 to the extent which ~~it~~ it
 should appear to be
 and no notice would be
 taken of the unobjectionable
 - that is - the well merited
 inflictions - These reports
 might be destroyed
 periodically - say
 every month - or
 even oftener - Her
 Majesty's Secretaries
 to make similar reports
 to the pub bands at each
 to be ~~the~~ summarized
 scanned

and disposed of by him
to the same end - viz
Act of keeping down
the infliction of this punishment
as much, and as speedily
as possible - The charges
- the defence (including,
of course, what was addressed
for and against the Prisoner
general character) ~~and~~
the sentence, and the extent
to which it was executed,
would furnish quite
enough to enable the
Reviewing authority to
judge the merits and
deserts

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of the case
subscribed to
Richardson



