

Sir J. Horshead to Capt. Payne.

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My dear Sir

I can no longer delay sending you
it closed, No I would much rather have
delivered it to you in person, that I might
have given you my opinion, which without
saying you, & enquiring into some facts, it
is impossible for me to do, Meira is a warm
man, & his Letter must be answered,
for he is at present of consequence, therefore
if you do not send him what he requires,
I may write him, & I need not hint to you
that great most caution is needed civility
is necessary & you might be his to
some he makes, I can say nothing, for
I am totally ignorant even of the nature of
his Disbursements, & am not acquainted with
what sums he has received, but I believe he
is at present in Distress, & your Opponent

with certainly be happy to relieve him,
This perpetual lab for money with I
fear, give y^e Prince a disgust to y^e
whole Proceeding, Tho' there is now an
opportunity of doing a thing to prevent
it in future, as by y^e Death of Mr. Lyte
y^e Place of Auditor to y^e Society is
vacant, why not give this Appointment
to a Friend? who will appropriate y^e
Emoluments to promoting y^e Princes
Interests in France & elsewhere, & I
shall be happy to accept of this Place
on those Conditions, my having y^e Place
will give me more Influence in y^e Court,
& y^e Salary which I have heard is £. 400
per An. well disposed of, will be good in
more Burrows than one - If this does not
interfere with any Arrangement of yours,
I wish you to try it before y^e Prince is
my Request, but if you have any other
of your own for y^e Disposal of this

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Please, do not think of me, my Object
is to serve H^{is} M^{ajesty} in Court, &
& that with your assistance I think
I can do effectually -

I am my dear Sir
your very faithful
& obedient humble Servant
J. Horshead

If main Demand is made a Demand
for past Services, then as a Debt, it
is possible that a Part of y^e Auditors
Salary would be satisfactory, in which you
will have y^e Advantage of always keeping
him in Order -

From Sir J. Mordaunt
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