

Ld.
Thurlow's
draft
letter, for
H. R. A.,
to H. H.,
re his
debts.

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a paper, containing

In obedience to your M.'s
commands, D. T. has commu-
nicated to me, G. M.'s sentiments
on my affairs, as they were
stated by him to G. M.

Allow me, Sir, to return
G. M. my humble and grateful
acknowledgements for those very
gracious expressions, G. M. has
condescended to use, of Paternal
affection. I must ever retain
the acutest sense of the great
interest, which G. M. is pleased
to take in the Disposal of my
affairs, and of your sollicitude
for my ultimate Happiness.

G. M. is pleased to observe,
upon the general Result of the
Statement submitted, that no
explanation is given of more than
half of my Debt; except by a
general Reference to the
payment of Interest, Expenses of
Newmarket, Costs of Establishment,
and general want of Economy.

When the State of my Affairs
rendered it necessary to make my
humble application to G. M. for
for such assistance, as would be
 requisite for the support of my
Rank, or for G. M.'s permission
to retire from a Situation, which
my appointments would not
support, I understood, that G. M.
would expect to find the extent
of my Embarrassments stated
explicitly and without Reserve.
These I ordered to be laid fully
before D. T. But I did not
think ~~it necessary to order~~ any Detail to be
made out, of the various
Expenditures, by which they were
incurred. nor do I know, that it
is practicable. I am aware, it can
not be collected from the mere
Statement of my Debt; except in

These instances, where they were
~~included~~ ^{contracted} for new work purposes.
upon the expense made
at Carlton House G. M. is pleased
to observe, that you never intended
to exceed the original estimate
of £5,200 L; that the works
were always carried on under
my name and Direction; and
that it was distinctly explained
to me, a considerable Time since,
that no further orders would
be made by G. M. on that
account.

If I had understood, that
any certain sum had been
specified, by the vote of the
24. May 1787, or by G. M.'s intention,
to carry that vote into Execution,
I should readily confess myself
to have been very reprehensible,
when, after that sum was
exhausted, I caused an estimate
of £6,950 L, for furniture, to
be laid before the Treasury, as
in the regular course of
executing such a vote.

It has not, I perceive, been
suggested to G. M., that I was
apprised of any such ideas
from the beginning; but only,
that it was distinctly explained
to me a considerable Time
since. Give me leave, Sir!
to explain that.

I never considered the Papers,
delivered by Mr. H. to the C. of
the E. on the 14. of May 1787,
as formal estimates; but, merely,
as rough queries at the expense
of the works, which remained
unfinished at Carlton House and
of the Furniture. Indeed the Articles,
even of the works, were too
indistinctly stated, to admit of
Calculation. It was still more
manifest, that the accompanying Article
of Furniture, with so small a

Record paper containing
an general

informs the House, that H.M. will direct an Estimate to be laid before them, of the sum wanted to complete, in a proper manner, the works, which have been undertaken at Carlton House, as soon, as the same can be prepared with sufficient accuracy.

sum as 5500 L put down to it, was wholly unconsidered.

These appear to have been regarded in the same point of view by the C. of the R.: for they were never laid before Parliament. But, with these in his hand, the Message of the 21. of Decr. only desired an aid, which for Estimate should be formed with sufficient accuracy of the whole expense of completing the works at Carlton House and the vote of the 24. of May directed by the said account of the works at Carlton House as herein by desires, that H.M. will be graciously pleased to issue direct, that the sum of 20,000 L be paid out of His M.'s Civil List, on account of the works at Carlton House, as soon as an Estimate shall be formed, with sufficient accuracy of the whole expense for completing the same in a proper manner.

On the 14th of July 1789, I laid the estimate of the works to be completed, to be laid before the House of Commons for their Review and approbation. To which they answered on the 20th, that it was not probable for them to form any judgment upon it, for the reasons mentioned by Mr Pitt. They further stated, that it was a general description of intended works, and that exact Estimates require so great an insight into the intentions of the Designer, and such a vast detail of Designs, and explanations that it is scarcely possible for one Man to value and their Compositions. This was forthwith transmitted to the C. of the R.

I. what on them?

If appears by Treasury Minute 2. Dec. 1785 - to be in His Hands - probably was sent immediately

I.

on the 17th of August following the sum of 10,000 L was issued from the Exchequer to my Treasurer, lodged with my Banker, and drawn, and applied by Mr Pitt to the current expense of the works. In the course of the two following years, 55,200 L

55,200 L more

It is also true, that

an estimate of the Furniture,
required for Carlton House,
amounting to 56,500 l.

had been opened, and applied
in the same manner.

It is in this sense, I presume
~~that~~ it has been suggested
y. M., that the works at Carlton
House were carried on under my
Name and Direction. I have ~~not~~
advanced considerable Sums on
the same account. If these
Transactions have rendered me
accountable to the Public, or
to the workmen, I have a reason
to regret my
Inadvertency, in allowing the
Matter to take this Train
But I was ignorant, what
was the proper Course of such
a Business.

On the 24 of Nov^r. 1785
I ordered ~~the above mentioned~~
~~estimate of the Furniture to~~
be transmitted to the C. of the
D. Aud, on the 3 of Dec^r.
following, I received a Minute
of that Board the day preceding,
dated the day preceding,
~~and purporting that this~~
~~estimate did not come~~
within the vote of the 24 of
May 1787 and that the
Board was not authorized
to pay any of
recapitulates circumstances
upon which I referred to
Mr. y. M. with the observation
and concludes; "Under these
circumstances it does not
appear to the Board, that the
additional estimate of 56,500 l.
comes within the intention of
the Resolution of the House of
Commons of the 24th of May
1787; and the Board does not
think itself authorized to direct
a warrant to be prepared for
the issue of any further Sum
out of the Civil List in
pursuance of the said
Resolution."'

and Thurlowes 2.
representation to ye
King of Prince Dels

were in power,

Dy of Lord Thurlowes

Letter to the King

relative to the

Prince of Wales;

Ded to.

1792

It must be confessed, that
the Messrs, and votes, taken
liberally, ^{and certainly} to the executing
the works, which had been
undertaken at Carlton House;
and not to the Furniture.
so that, unless the last article
comes within the Reason, for
which the Provision was made
for the first, It can no
otherwise be said to be within
the intention of the Resolution.
It must also be confessed, that,
if the ^{proposed} manner of completing
the works ~~was proposed~~,
or the manner of providing
the House when completed,
that would be still more
distinctly excluded from
the intention of the Resolution;
because It expressly provides
for completing the works
undertaken in a proper
manner. But certainly this
was the first Intimation, I
ever received, that the Papers
of the 12 May 1789 were
considered as Estimates; and
as the Measure, by which
the expense, either of the
works, or of the Furniture,
was to be limited. If they
had been prepared as
Estimates, and with more
accuracy, It would not be
thought wonderful, that
such works, in public, or
private Hands, should
exceed their original
Estimates.

I cannot conclude these
Observations, without some
allusion to the unforeseen
length, to which They have
run. I was anxious to ^{prove to}
G. M., that, whatever may be
thought of my discretion, I did
not deal unfairly with G. M.,
or the Publick, when I sent

I. why was the census
incurred after the
minute of 2. Dec. 1787.

of the above mentioned estimate
of the ^{Parliament} L. of the E. (or when
I considered it as a surprise,
that any part of
the above mentioned Expenses
were thrown upon Me.

I should make an ill
return for all G. M.'s
goodness, with the cause of
which I am deeply impressed,
if I were capable of
importuning G. M. to take
any step upon my account,
even of a doubtful Nature.
I have never wished, that
any Application should be
made to Parliament for the
payment of my Debt: but
I had flattered myself, that
an increase of my Income
might have been fairly, and
properly proposed.

My Income I have
always thought deficient to
support my Establishment;
as I have constantly
represented to G. M. ~~and~~
~~The Plan which was prepared~~
~~by his command and~~
~~submitted to me on the 14~~
~~May 1787, and seen by~~
~~me, and approved to in G. M.'s~~
~~presence of the 21. of the same~~
~~Month. The Plan of my~~
~~Expenses, arranging them in~~
~~Departments, and ascertaining~~
~~the order of Payment, as a~~
~~check to avoid future arrears,~~
~~which was shown also to~~
~~the lowest Dist amounting~~
~~to 79,300^l per Annum. If this~~
as under them for instance,
I could not have saved, with
confidence, to avoid new arrears
of Debt, I confess, I was wrong

which was
referred to in the Message
of the 21. May 1787, and ~~which~~
was prepared by G. M.'s command,
and upon the lowest scale,
amounted to 79,300^l in the

marginal Observation, It was
suggested, that the Plan had
been formed upon an Idea
somewhat too narrow.



in undertaking to resume the proposed establishment on a lower appointment: for I do not pretend, that the narrowness of my income can furnish a sufficient apology for running in the Debt.

However, as your M^r is advised, that nothing of that kind can or does properly at this time, I readily embrace the measure, which your M^r is already to recommend; and will set immediately about executing it in the most effectual manner.

I am sensible of the Truth of your M^r's Intimation, that "if a Portion of my Income to allot a large Discharge of my Debt" ~~is~~ to produce a material Effect, or even a serious Appearance. I have resolved, therefore, to lay upon the Revenue of my Husband, and apply the whole of my other Appointments to that object, which your M^r justly considers of so much Importance. I would be unwilling to regret the severest Retrenchment, merely as they affect my own Personal Consideration, which I cannot regard with so much Constancy. Many Persons, indeed, to take up my Service, have thrown themselves out of other Lines of Advancement. Some would be reduced to absolute Distress, by losing Situations, which no Fault of theirs has forfeited. The Continuance to all these of their Appointments, added to the Interest of my Debt, would leave a Remainder for the Reduction of the

Without this, it would be impossible

and apply ~~to that object~~ every part of my other Appointments to that object so far as is in any manner consistent with the attention justly due to the Situations of those who in entering into my Service have thrown themselves out of other Lines of Advancement or Subsistence.

Principal, wholly inordinate
to my views, and to your
Expectations. I have ventured
nevertheless to submit to you a
scheme, by which the
unmerited distress of those
who might be ruined by the
change, would be alleviated
till some opportunity may
be found of providing for
them otherwise.

I have been anxious
to ~~lay~~ submit my
intentions to you Mr. Pitt
the most ^{open} explicit manner
in the humble hope
of meeting your Mr.
approbation; ~~of your~~
such for the command
from you Mr. as the
occasion may
require.