

M. Tynwhitt to HRH

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Sir,

From every Research we
have been enabled to make amongst
those most acquainted with the Mines,
it seems to be the Opinion of the
most respectable of them, that your
Royal Highness may levy a Corps of
800 Men without, to any Property
whatsoever. There are those

who object to parting with any
at all, but I am persuaded they are
guided entirely by self interest,
and upon the further investigation of
the Business will be found worthy
of no attention. The more Mr. Gregor's
Idea that the Rights of your Royal
Highness were to be opposed is considered
by us, the more enigmatical his
Conduct appears; as, at the Mouth
of the Mines themselves the universal

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Language is, that they will own no
control but that of their Prince; and I
should do them much Justice was
I to omit advising your Royal Highness,
that their Deal has been very
conspicuous.

Mr. Simpson, who is surveying
the Bathampton Property for your Royal
Highness having met us this morning
by Appointment, I can acquaint you
that your Royal Highness will be able
to raise a Sum of Money by filling up
the Lives now vacant upon it, without

without injuring the final sale. Mr
J. Mosshead has therefore settled
with him that there should be £4000
ready for your Royal Highness's use by
Michaelmas next. I have some reason
for thinking it may be more, but we
conceive it our duty not to specify too
large a sum, but one that we can
pledge ourselves shall be ready by
the time signified.

Mr. Simpson cannot yet
enable me to say what the real value

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of the Estate is, but I hope he will
so far finish his Labours that on
my Return to Town I shall lay before
your Royal Highness his Report.

I am, Sir,

with all duty

Your very affec. Servant,

J. A. Gwynne.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of lined paper, possibly a letter or document fragment.]