

Col J. McMahon to H.R.H.

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Sir

As the Times of this morning has in a paragraph announced the proceedings at the Opera on Saturday last, I hasten to assure your Royal Highness that the Prince's visit was not distinguished by any public token of particular applause whatever, but was marked with the most profound silence & quiet throughout.

H. R. H's box being divided, the Prince, attended by Lady Cholmondeley sat in the half nearest to the Stage & did not come much forward during the evening.

Yours  
Lod.

Col

Chotmondeley occupied the other half of the Box. Two  
 impudent Italian musicians (not any of those belonging  
 to the Opera) came into the Gallery, & kept looking towards  
 the Box before H. R. H. entered it, which gave a suspicion  
 to one of the door keepers, who consequently kept his eye  
 upon them. Just as the Box was opened, one of those  
 fellows says to the other "Here is the Op - now, now."

The door keeper at this instant very cleverly put his  
 hands on their mouths <sup>without any noise or disturbance</sup> & hustled them  
 out of the door & down the stairs, which he did not  
 suffer them to ascend or enter any more during  
 the Night. I have rewarded his vigilance, & prepared  
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to be active & observing, upon every future night; therefore I am satisfied there will be nothing to be apprehended on any repetition of the Visit.

The Meeting on Saturday at the Bee Mason Tavern did their Duty as they ought: & every other thing stirring is as it should be.

I am, Sir,

Your Royal Highness's

Dutiful & Loving Servant

John M. Mahon

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To Mr. W. H. Sturges  
March 19<sup>th</sup> 1790.