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Lord Kenyon  
to  
The Prince of Wales

Sir,

20. Nov. 1799

I have been under some difficulty in what manner I ought to act in consequence of the Letter you R. H. enclosed to honour me with.

I was apprehensive if I wrote immediately to you it might be deemed too obtrusive, and therefore I communicated what I had the way to your Attorney General, in writing.

Knowing that I feel all respect for every branch of my Sovereign's Family, I hope that in presuming to send this Letter, I do not trespass on propriety.

I thought it my duty to recommend to the Magistrates not to grant a License to Mr. Marshdale, considering what had passed respecting him, before me judicially. This is my settled opinion at present, and this I wish to express.

I do not recollect the expression I used; but to epistolary impromptu memory I have applied to the better recollection of the most eminent practitioners in the Court; and they assure me that I used no word which could be deemed offensive to you R. H. — I can only add, that I am confident I meant nothing offensive to you.

They know little of my sentiments, who conceive me capable —

of using language tending to expose the higher orders of the State to  
Contumacious or light observations -

May I presume to hope that your R. H. will pardon this I humbly  
am, with great respect,

Your royal Highness most devoted and  
obedient humble Servant

*Henry*

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