

H. R. A. 6 R. B. Sheridan

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Dear Sheridan,

I should some days ago have answered your Letter, had I not been oblig'd to write other Letters that were of more immediate import. I ever must lament any thing that causes you uneasiness, as I hope that you are well assured that there is no one in the World who entertains a higher regard for you than do, may I may even say entertains a sincerer affection for you than I do. With regard to the publication of the Correspondance you may know the real truth of the circumstances from Mr. Mason; but my mind is too proud to stop to make ^{any} explanations or Apologies when there is not the smallest shadow of cause.

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~~the circumstances~~, as I had nothing to do with the
business. And such an imputation you must
clearly see ^{can} only proceed from such ~~real~~ ^{as} fact
their plans developed, & the dies they had in-
-culated contradicted by the appearance of the
falsification, the authenticity of which they
can not now dispute. No one that knows any
thing of the world can doubt the motives, either
motives for doing so; but as I have already
said, I have too long put up with the most
oppressions, evil, & oppressive treatment from
you as well as the arguments of their friends,
but the just feelings I have for my own reputa-
-tion & character will not admit of my submitting
to be thus trick'd about any longer. You may
ask Mr. Paken any questions you please, as to
Government I do not lay any thing to their charge,
but if they have tried to do any thing against me

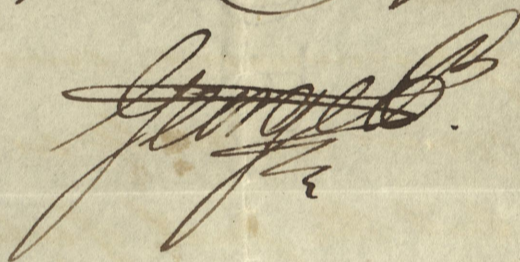
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they are very ungrateful. After the receipt if
you have nothing better to do, you may run
down here perhaps for a day or two, & bring with
you what intelligence you can, as to the prospect
we have to look to for future Politics; I trust
you have good accounts from Tom, & that he con-
tinues pleased with his situation. With my
best regards to Mr. Sheridan, I remain dear
Sheridan,

Ever very affectionately Yours



By Mr. Wm. H.
Dec. 16
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The Prince of Wales

To

R. B. Musgrave Esq

Decr. 16th 1803