

Halsh Porter to Col. McKim

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Dear Sir

I rec^d. your letter, but understanding
you were coming to Town did not answer it,
But having seen Bradshaw today, I feel it necessary
to say something — your letter is merely a repetition
of what G^l. Hulse said to me at Brighton; It is
not difficult therefore to see from whence you
derived your information, which I can only assure
you in few words, is wrong from first to last —
I work like a Slave, & I exercise every possible
economy that is not derogatory to the dignity
of the Prince, nor have I done a single thing that
was not originally proposed, or that has not met
the entire & unqualified approbation of her M^{ty}.
The King; Still, my Dear Sir, G^l. Hulse thanks

with you, that I am inclined to exceed the
line of demarcation, marked out to me by the
Prince of Wales, or, in short, if he wishes me out
so as to put in a better man, that will do it
cheaper & more expeditiously. I pay more
attention to it than I do, I shall resign / don't
turn me out / without a murmur, especially if
for consequence of any representation made to the
Prince / or that meet his R. H. pleasure: —

Do not say I ^{however} am concerned, I am not
affronted, nor do I wish to kick; But you yourself
know the impossibility of serving more than one
Master at a time, especially where the orders are

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so diametrically opposite - I work like a Horse, I am
as regular as a Clock, & as methodical, as a Ledger, yet
It can not be expected / my situation in life considered,
no probability of advantage, annexed to it, with every
probability of much disappointment & annoyance,
to say nothing of being a Prisoner all the summer. I say
It can not be reasonably expected that I sh^d stand
in a regular Intimate, of every foot of Timber or Pound
of Nails, to the Board of the Duties of Custom Office!!!
When all is done, I will set them at defiance; but
I flatter myself they will be as set up as the tail
of the wind: - I was with the Prince at C^t H. when
your Letter was given me; & on his enquiry, I

I informed him of its contents — But it was
not necessary, he seemed to know it by anticipation
Commanded me to go on with what I was about,
& told me, he wd write to you himself in a
Post or two — Whether he has done so, ~~or not~~, I
cant tell, for I have not heard a word from
any body since — But tho' I think I have been
very modest hitherto, I certainly shall want
money, very soon, for the workmen must eat, &
I really am considerably out of pocket for one or
or another, already — But what am I to do ^{with}
mine. I find are very hard cards to play, But let
me say I've set you right on one point — viz

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I have not ~~had~~ as branched out into a single thing
that was not planned by the Prince himself (and one)
ordered, the very first day; & when I gave him the
rough sketch, of the probable expense, he expressed his
surprise, at its being so much less than he expected.
I can say no more, & God knows, I can do no more, than

I am truly sorry to hear, Mrs. Mallett
has ill again, hope she is now quite well & adieu
my dear God bless you & your most truly de

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