

Rev. G. F. Nott to Bp of Salisbury

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My Lord.

The letter I wrote to your Lordship yesterday, respecting the note communicated by Mr. Adam, will I feel quite certain be sufficient to prove, it has not any reference whatever to the point it was brought forward to establish. On what was said in that letter therefore I may ground my defence, in that particular charge.

Should your Lordship ask what I believe to have been the papers which I acknowledged the receipt of, the only conjecture I can form is this,

In addition to the common Exercises, which were given to the Princess Charlotte to do as lessons, she sometimes wrote Voluntary Exercises, in the form of short Sermons, or letters on particular events in History, or abridgements of the Books she had been reading. The common Exercises, I uniformly took away with me, each day, each day when I withdrew. The voluntary Exercises were generally sent to me at the hours I was not in attendance; and the constant request was, that I would not burn these, as H. R. H. might suppose I did the common Exercises, but keep them carefully, as proofs of her diligence, and of her increasing desire of improvement.

It is my firm, and entire conviction, my Lord, that the papers of which I acknowledged the receipt, are some of the above description. Of such I have several, which at different times H. R. H. was pleased to entrust to me, and which I have always

kept with the utmost care. Yet even of these, my Lord, I am unable to say with precision, which were the particular papers alluded to in the Note: the date on the Note not being of my writing.

That I may remove altogether, any suspicion of having ever written to H. R. H. anything that I intended to keep concealed from others, allow me, my Lord, to mention the following circumstance.

The box, in which the Princess Charlotte, kept my letters, was one, I was permitted the honour of giving to H. R. H. expressly for the purpose of keeping letters in. This Box had two keys: only one of which was given to H. R. H.: the other I myself sent to M<sup>rs</sup> Wany. When last I enquired that key remained with M<sup>rs</sup> Wany: for anything I know, it is in her possession still. Having no motive for wishing the letters I had the honour of writing to H. R. H. concealed I was indifferent who had it; nor should I, even now, advert to the circumstance, but as it proves how unfounded the present suspicion is. For, may I ask, my Lord, could I be supposed weak enough to have written letters about transactions I was endeavouring to keep secret, knowing that those immediately about H. R. H., had the means of free access, at any hour to everything I wrote.

I am,

My Lord

Your Lordship's  
very faithful  
& obliged

July 27. 1809

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P.S.

Should your Lordship judge fit, and find a proper occasion, I will request you will do me the honour of mentioning to his Majesty, that I purpose remaining in London, until I am honoured with any commands his Majesty shall be pleased to lay on me. So long as the present distressing business is involved in the smallest degree of uncertainty, I consider it my duty to continue on the spot, that I may answer whatever questions it shall be thought proper to ask me, either for the elucidation of facts, or the justification of my conduct.

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