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Knaparren - Prince
Jan^y 12th 1814-

Madam -

I have this moment had the honor of receiving a letter from you dated Dec^r 15th - though you mention in this letter having written to me several times before, I give you my word I never received any letter but this one, & I am answering now; I must confess I am exceedingly sorry any person could ever imagine that had I received any letters, I could even omit the common civility of acknowledging the receipt of such letters - The only cause I can fancy for not receiving the letters you allude to, is that you

many have trusted them to private
conveyances, instead of sending them by
the Post which is invariably the safest
and best method of forwarding letters.

The last time I ever received were
dated August 10th, which I received and
answered on the 10th of Oct^r - Since then
I have never received any letters w^{ch}
mentioned the subject you speak of -

The greater part of the articles
demanded from me, I left in England.

They were in a small trunk, containing
also papers, of value to me only; this
trunk I left in charge of a true friend
of mine, with the particular request that
"should he hear of my death, to send this
trunk unopened to the bottom of the Thames"

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I can rely upon the execution of his
 promise — Those articles I have
with me, should they be forced from me,
 how could I find any opportunity of
 sending them in a safe manner to
 England, considering the situation
 I am placed in? Should I be killed,
 they shall be sent to you, without
 being seen by any person, before they
 get into your possession — Pray do
 represent this —

I have the honor to be
 of the humblest
 (Signed) Charles Hope
 18th Hussars

To Miss Brown, Dublin

(copy)
Letter from Col
Robert & Mrs Thomas
Spalding
June 12 1814