

Henry Hunt, Papers
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Correspondence

1812-1814

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London Wednesday

My Dear Davenport

I am off for Bristol
Tomorrow, at least for Bath & intend to
make my public entry on Saturday
Are you perfectly discharged, if you are
& cannot amuse yourself better while you
come again to me - You know my finances
will not allow me to pay you equal to your
merits, But as a Friend if you will accept
your expenses & what my means will afford,
a Guinea a Day as a present, (altho I am ashamed
to offer it to you) then let me see you either
Saturday Sunday or Monday, at all events,

you will oblige me by a Letter
at the Talbot & say whether I am
to expect you or not - If you come
may bring Tysneys abridgement of
Election Law with you I think it is
7/6 if not send it to me & I will repay
you God bless you can you call at
the King of Prussia at Deptford &
see what is going on at Chelsea Gasts

Yours sincerely

A. Hunt

Mrs. Viobly & Co. to be remembered

Received of
Mr. J. J. J.
the sum of
£100
on the 1st day of
April 1841



Wm. H.

Mr. Davenport
Perry Hill
Sydenham.

7 o'clock
Oct 12
No.



Jurison House le 20 Janvier 1612

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Messieurs

En addition à La Lettre que j'ai eu l'honneur de
vous écrire il y a trois jours, permettre moy
d'abord de m'excuser de vous avoir donné
la peine de déchiffrer mon mauvais
anglais; je n'aurais pas entièrement achevé
la lecture de votre Lettre, quand j'eus —
interrompu par une Visite assez longue;
et lorsque j'eus laissé seul, je ne
m'occupai que de la série de questions que
vous avez eu la bonté de m'adresser; Mais
je n'ai pu écrire la réponse que vous avez reçue
ce n'est que d'hier, qu'en relisant votre Lettre,
j'ai remarqué la dernière phrase qui
m'a paru que je n'ai pas entendue en français
assez bien qu'en anglais; et je n'ai pas de

peine à croire que j'en sois beaucoup -
moins.

Après cette application que j'envisage
nécessaire pour écarter l'apparence de
présomption que pourrait produire la
présence que j'ai donnée à une Lettre
dans laquelle j'en suis dans l'habitude de
se parler, ni de voir; j'en l'honneur
de vous prévenir que j'espère d'être à Londres
à la fin de cette semaine, il est
probable que les premiers jours de mon
séjour y seront entièrement employés à
une affaire importante qui m'est appelée
mais comme il est possible que j'aie
dans la journée quelques moments à
ma disposition, si vous voulez avoir
la bonté de me faire savoir ou j'en
pourrais vous rencontrer [par une ligne
adressée à M^{rs} Green St. John's Lane
Lombard Street for. C. D. P. Tell Callu

for. j'en ferai tout ce qui dépendra de moi.

pour me procurer l'avantage de votre
connaissance, le plutôt possible.

Jusqu'à présent j'en ai pas pu de temps pour
me mettre en état de satisfaire vos Desires.
j'ai fait une recherche très longue dans
mes papiers; et j'ai vu les porterai
certainement plus que vous n'en pourriez faire
usage. mais il est certains objets sur
les quels je desirais que vous puissiez s'en
avoir les pièces originales, grand même
une serait par votre intention d'en
porter une copie. ces pièces originales vous
prouveront qu'il n'y a pas, dans l'histoire
de Beauchamps, [nous supposons par l'auteur
véritable qui est à la fois de nos ennemis]
qu'il n'y a pas, dis-je, un mot qui ne soit
un grossier mensonge.

Parmi les pièces que je vous porte
sont. 1^o Le mémoire du G^d de Vaubanc
2^o celui de l'adjudant général Rameau
Départ à l'armée avec l'ordre de
3^o Le pouvoir de l'Ordre de 2 Vol.
4^o ma correspondance avec un agent

5^e. ma Correspondance avec m^r de La C^{te}
d'Artair, et son Gendre.

6^e. D^{re} avec Louis 14 et 2^e

7^e. un Vol manuscrit d'extraits relatifs
à tout ce qui s'est passé depuis mon entrée en
Bretagne 1795 jusqu'à mon retour en
Angleterre 1797. parmi Vol. a été envoyé
par un valet à Louis 24^{me} vers cette dernière
époque.

8^e. quelques pièces originales de la
main de Louis 14 et de celles de ses
ministres.

9^e. tous les procès Verbaux des Délibérations
du G^{ne}ral général des armées de Bretagne
depuis 1795, jusqu'à mon retraite.

10^e. toute la Correspondance originale
de Broffard de ce temps de Louis 14.
Depuis 1795 jusqu'à 1796.

11^e. ma Correspondance avec le ^{gouvernement} ^{anglais}
tout ce qui peut vous être utile.

et un grand nombre d'autres pièces
sur les quelles je puis vous donner immédiatement
toutes les explications nécessaires.

Il est malheureux, Monsieur, que la
D^{re} que vous me feriez, d'être

N^o 9 Weymouth Place New Kent Road
Newington

My Dear Isaacpost,

I am just returned from Bristol
where I am going again tomorrow - I have
not been at Bouffant this 6 Weeks on
my return here from Bristol I got
your Letter & I immediately spoke
to Miller not to owe you any more
for the 5th you had of him as I promised
to pay him - Let me see you after Sunday
Next here - My petition comes on the 25th
before that pray let me see you

Yours sincerely
H H Hunt,

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in cursive script, spanning across the left and center panels of the open letter. The text appears to be a personal letter, possibly dated 1847.]

[Faint handwritten text on the right panel, including a date:]
1847





Liverpool & Eng^l
Penny Hill
Lydenham



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Sunday 18 Dec 5. 1844

My Dear Sir
Not possessing your talent of writing a Volume on
a Note Card. I have taken paper, in Quantum large
enough to make a Mizen Topsail for a frigate - but
with what I shall fill it - at this moment you know -
quite as well as I do! - but first let me assure you
that my Bride would not permit me to believe that I
had made so erroneous a judgment of your disposition
as to believe "that you had let me down the wind to
"prey on fortune" - or shook me off to beggarly diversion
No! I rather feared that ill health had prevented you
from executing the commission I charged you with
and your long little letter, evinces that to that sad
circumstance, and accident - it was owing that you did
not tell my story to John's passion stirring wife -

Next let me assure you that
we will always be glad to see you when your conver-
nience and inclination to step over to us are in
perfect, full toned unison - Thank Mrs Bernard
for me and mine, for her every mark of kindness to us,
and remind the good lady that I consider her as
pledged to ride this way - when the return of Smiling
Spring, will ensure to her at least some degree of
pleasure from the jaunt - beyond that she may not
receive any high degree of pleasure - but from sheer
selfishness I take leave to importune her, for in
her visit, we shall be certain of pleasure in no
ordinary degree - and tell her so. for she is truly
charitable, and I appeal to her charity for the
fulfilment of her promise; - to Mrs Cogh I write
this Mf, and shall tell my own story - and as for the
Big of a Priest - I leave him to the uninterrupted
enjoyment, of all the good qualities his conscience
gives him assurances of his possessing.
I think with you. That we have

precipitate in making Peace with America. we should
first have destroyed every floating battery that they have
erected, and if possible every dock yard and naval arsenal
they possess. in short the very sperm and embryonic
Principles of a new navy; and was not the greatest
naval power on the world equal to doing so? we
have now made peace with them when the very ballad
Mongers are writing and their sheet songers are
hawling out to their enraptured ears. their naval
Exploits on the lakes and on the Ocean, our
possessions on that continent as things have been
managed - or rather mismanaged, I greatly fear are
now held by a very insecure tenure indeed! - and
our West Indian Colonies. lies too conveniently near
to them, not to be viewed by them with longing -
tho it may be lingering eyes! - yet those who may
be living half a century from the present time,
may be obliged to talk of most of them as -
Islands we once possessed! - small as my stake
is. on the concerns of the world. I would be gratified
to have it demonstrated to me, that my head is even
worse than I have long complained of its being -
in allowing such notions to have a place in it;

I send you Lord Lauderdale's
famous letter, which if you do not come over to me in
the ensuing week. you will have the goodness to give
to John, for I have promised to lend it to my friend
Batonson, who as a great agriculturist, will not
fail to see very much in it - that he will approve
of. - for self interest is very apt to give a twist
to the understanding - In my table sheets to my
friend in Zealand - I have made very free with
his Lordship - I recur to my sheet for an outline
of what I have urged in controversy of his plan! -

On a perusal of his printed letter you will observe that
a large portion of it is employed in combating the late
Dr. Adam Smith's Idea. that the Corn Trade should be left
free from legislative restrictions. and I have always been
of that opinion. and my experience in that Trade has made
me think that as all their interference hitherto has never
been productive of any permanent good. so neither it
is likely, that their future efforts will be more successful
- But leaving Dr. Smith and his noble opponent to bear in
mind - I will just touch upon that part of his Lordship's
letter which appears to be level to my shattered understanding
and observe that he is an advocate for high Duties on
Importation, and for liberal Bounties on Exportation -
Now on granting a Bounty on Exportation to answer
his purpose it must be such a one as will enable our
farmers to meet the Polish farmer, and whose land and
labour is so low in price, that he complains that our
growers cannot compete with them, on our home Mkt
I have said meet the Polish farmer without saying where
I therefore must add. in the Spanish and Portugal
Markets, for it is only in those countries, that any consi-
derable demand exists for foreign Corn! - Now to grant
this bounty is to make every ^{favorable} individual in the State
subscribe to a scheme that has for object, the obliging
them to eat their own Bread, at a price higher than they
would otherwise do! - Than this Mustard in a child's
Cap, could not be worse relished - what think you?

Again if our Mkt is in future to be hermetically
sealed up, against the admittance of foreign Corns when
for many years they have had a great and even greedy
Mkt, they of necessity would cease to grow more than
they stand in need of for their own Consumption added
to what they could dispose of in Spain and Portugal
where the American farmer will meet them -
Then I say that what so frequently occurs in a partial
degree - may take place generally. I mean short crops,
in those under such disastrous circumstances are

to resort for a supply of so indispensable an article —
I know that in saying this, that I am putting our
extreme case, but where will be found any one
so absurdly bold, as to lay claim to so much prescience
as to say that in the course of revolving time —
no such thing may take place, and who can say how
near or distant we are to so disastrous a day? —
If a Bill should be brought into Parliament
founded upon his Lordship's Scheme, would not consistency
require that it should be entitled "A Bill for making
Land proprietors rich and the more effectually
making Bread certainly and permanently dear —"

I have spun my thread to a great length on my
table sheets, but the pith of my observations lies in
what I have said to you — Except indeed that I notice
how complaisantly his Lordship glances over the high
rate of rents, his brother peers & commoners of great
landed property have for some years back insisted upon
upon the whole I contend that reduced rents, is the
natural cure for this agricultural Malady — and
as I had before told him, the more farmer is only
made a stalking horse, to conceal from public
view, the Cupidity of the inheritors of terra firma,

I ventured to table to you on this very
important Subject, in any other way than as to a friend,
I should indeed be greatly apprehensive of a severe
Castigation, for it is a Subject that calls for the
Execution of Men who as you do possess talents & a
kind, that I have no sort of pretensions to, and as
I dare say something will be attempted on the
resumption of Parliamentary business, could you
employ your elegant pen upon a more important
Subject, I think not — If my further wish light
could afford you the smallest ~~and~~ light, you