

Henry Mount. Papers
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Correspondence

1820

Rochester June 18th 1820

My dear Davenport -

I have been long expecting to hear from you a long time however I sincerely hope that you are well I have heard of your kind calls at Portland Street & I hope to have a long letter from you which if left in Portland St. or at Dalby's in the Strand will come in a parcel to me free of postage &c. - I have no news to send you only that I am in good Health and Spirits I have been poorly in consequence of a cold I caught in sleeping in a newly whitewashed Room. I have the famous Mr. Kinnear to sleep with me every day - he is a Gentleman like Man of the World - I suppose that you have heard of my intention to become an Author and write my own Memoirs it is to be brought out in Numbers the first to be published on Saturday next - May I request you to call and see a proof before it - finally goes to Press, there will be many blunders &c. which I shall feel particularly obliged if you will correct for me - Do my good fellow see it as soon as you can after you receive this of see that the first Number is well printed - I have had a proof which I do not like at all it is too small type & too crowded - The Type cannot be now altered but the manner of setting it up may be much

improved - I wish it to be printed handsome & you
can give Dalby useful hints on that subject -
There is too much print crowded into each sheet it
should be wider Margines to be and the sentences
divided so Dalby as a Publisher has no mercy upon
the Author I shall write myself blind if he does not
give more paper & less ink. You understand me
I have written to him to say that I shall write and
desire you to call & you can show him this -
Do give me your opinion upon it there's a good fellow -

I am my dear Tavenor

Yours most sincerely

A Hunt,

Manchester Jail Sunday Night

Dear Sir

I sent you this day by the Exeter Subscription Coach. Another Affidavit having sent one also by Post this Morning I hope you will get them both read in consequence of my Absence from the Court before my opponents show Cause against your Rule. I have also sent in the parcels the Will of W^m. Piersy the Grandfather of my Ward Miss Gray. W^m Gray her Mother was Eleanor Perry the only daughter of Miss Gray my Ward is her only daughter. I have also sent in the Parcel a Letter I received from Mr. Perry dated the 19th. I think the day I was sworn to my first Affidavit. These documents will completely confirm my statement about Miss Gray. I have also sent my Memoirs & I have marked those parts which are material to my Case - I am afraid you will say that I am a troublesome Client - You will excuse me when you recollect that I am locked up in a distant Jail without any expectation I believe the Court in England. In looking over the report of the proceedings I see C^t Abbott desired you to get well informed upon the subject - and in looking over my Affidavit the only inaccuracy there is in it (I honestly) is the Quibble about the change of the Under Sheriffs - I believe Brodericks was here once while he was Under Sheriff before the 22nd June - but I have said enough

upon that Subject - As to the removing the Bolts & it may be answered
that 3 Doors have been put up between the outer door and my Bed Room
Sitting Room & our Hair care &^o & Bed Room &^o - This is true & you will please
to observe that they are all three very thin deal Doors without any other
fastenings, with but common latches the Hair care &^o no fastening &
the Bed Room &^o has a small Bolt in the inside but by a strange
accident there is no staple put to bolt it into - This is very curious
& I did not discover it till yesterday - But either of the doors could
be opened with the greatest facility even if they were bolted being
made so light - The Time that I complain of being locked up in
solitary confinement in the day time, is two Hours every Sunday at
Chapel Hours - recollect that this was never done till after the famous
Order made at Wells & not till I had been here 14 Weeks - The reason I
do not go to the Chapel is that 200 people are crammed into it like so many
Wild Beasts many of them diseased which caused a most nauseous stench
the only time I was there I was put into a narrow seat where I could not sit down
without great Pain - The Jailor himself has only been there four Times
since I came 6 Months. If you will look after them I think they will
not contradict any part of my Affidavit flatly but only shuffle
out of it - I hear Broderick & Drake are lately become great Enemies -
- all I wish you to press for is that I may be allowed to see my Family
& my female friends upon the same terms as I do my Male Friends
which the Jailor says will not endanger my safe custody - I still
contend that the distinction between male & female Visitors is
not made to any other prisoner but myself & Mr. Pinner since some

Every other Prisoner except myself by the following
Rule of the Jail may have his Friends come to see him
in case of sickness - Namely - Rule 4 "That other persons may
be permitted to visit the Prisoners in the day time in case
of sickness of such Prisoner" By this state of the Jail
no Female Visitors can come to me except "Wife & female
Children" without an order from a Magistrate who may
live 10 Miles off - even in case of approaching dissolution

Mr. C. L. H. will please to
recollect that these

Magistrates knew that I had been separated from
my Wife by mutual consent for the last 18 years &
that the Magistrate knew & that I had no female
Children - ^{for informed them.} I have mentioned these things in case they
are applied - My Ward only applied once to see me &
that time she was put to the double grating while the Prisoner
came after me - of course I refused to go

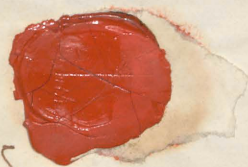
I am my dear Sir
Yours sincerely H. Hunt.

Anders
do not go

David
Thelby Esq
Temple London

Please to forward this immediately.

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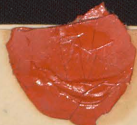


Hecherbe July 11th 1820

My dear Davenport

Why do you not let me hear
from you, surely I have not done
any thing to offend - at any rate
I have not intentionally

Yours W Hunt.



My dear

Mount Pleasant

Mr. Davenport

Postpaid
T. P.

LOCKPORT
JULY 12
1820

Heister Tuesday Morning
July 18th 1820

My dear Davenport,

I received your favour of the 12th some the day before yesterday, it afforded me great Pleasure to receive so long a Letter (in so small a compass) from you I assure you it's certainly amused & gratified me much - I was delighted to hear your account of John Bull I hope the animal will not disappoint the expectations you have now formed of his recovering his Character - I really think the Plot thickens & that the Rogues are driven nearly to their last shift, you may easily conceive how I enjoy the anticipation of the time when the villains will be driven into a corner & left without any hole for escape -

I am indeed very much indebted to you for your kindness in correcting and improving the Copy and Manuscript of my Memoirs. I knew not whom to rely upon in Town to do it for me excepting yourself & at such a distance to have had to proof sent backward & forwards would have been the cause of great inconvenience and delay - I most earnestly entreat you to continue to do it, and as I have the greatest confidence in your capability & judgement I hereby authorise you to make whatever alterations you please, so that you leave the facts, every alteration of yours I consider a great improvement - Believe me I am not so much of an Author yet as to be insensible of my demerits - Neither am I so fond of my own stile as not to prefer others - However as you have

said nothing to encourage me. it is a great thing to me that you have
said nothing to discourage me, therefore I shall proceed —

Now to tell you fairly the truth I have no sort of agreement or
engagement with Dally. I have merely sent him the Manuscript
and he has published the Work for me. I do not yet know whether
I am to pay or receive any thing for my trouble. — You will laugh at
my simplicity, if I can easily conceive I see you swearing down this foolish
fellow this is just like the careless Day — Really if your time were not
so much occupied I would request you to be my Major dome, or rather
Commander in Chief in this affair. — To tell me at all events what I
ought to do and so call upon Dally & see what he is doing — You by
all means must be paid for your talent, time & trouble, I think the
work will sell well if it is managed well. I am almost afraid to ask
your opinion of its merits — but at all events out with it, get it out
candidly I know you are a good and severe critic — Is there then
any merit at all in the manner of reciting the facts? —

I never published any thing before beyond an address or a quint such
as we used to read forth at Bristol — therefore I am a very modest author
& it only requires you to vacate me a little & I have no doubt but I shall
soon become "as impudent as a Highwayman's Horse" — To speak out
I shall be really very much obliged for any suggestion you may in your kindness
honour me with — I shall by this day's Coach forward 9 Pages of Manuscript
— I find when I get into a story or I go on without knowing how to get out of it
The death and Death of my poor Mother who was really ten times better Creature than I
have the power of inspiring with my feeble pen has recalled the recollection of every circum-
stance so fresh to my memory that it made me shed as many tears almost in

reciting the circumstance as the reality — My dear Mrs. Vince and Miss
Gray are at Middleton Cottage, & I expect them here every day — I shall be
delighted to see you here, & as the Cottage is in your road you must take that
in your way or they will never forgive you — The Salisbury Coach from the Lodge
behind Mr. Clements starts at 10 past 6 in the evening, reaches the Cottage at
4 — Write to them before hand — God bless you pray do write to
me — your letters will be very valuable & much esteemed by Yours

most sincerely

W. Hunt

Cobbett is depending the Lesson in his very
best style I must recommend the people
to read him there is more convincingness
in his Working Man in all the Speeches and
all the Essays in the public press put together

give me your opinion of this have you seen him the fable of the
Owl & the Eagle perhaps was too severe at all it was just
Thank God my Health is excellent & I feel at least 2 years younger
already than when I came in — I hope & trust that what your
Health is better — You must leave off drinking Whisky or any
fermented Liquor —

ought to a
all means

W. Le Davenport Esq
Mount Cottage
Buxton
Forwarded by Mr. D. & by L. to be forwarded
immediately.



Hebster Bastile Sep^r 19th 1820

My dear Davenport -

Why do not you once a Week devote a Quarter of an Hour of your idle time to the capture of Hebster, if you know what pleasure it gave me to hear from you I am sure you would do it. Recollect that I do not mean to accuse you of Idleness I know that your whole time is occupied but you last Week gave me unusual pleasure - because it was in an unusual style you appeared to have changed your opinion of John Galls Character a little, I hope he has done nothing to alter your favourable opinion of him - I am very much obliged indeed for the care & pains you have taken to make my Memoirs intelligible in fact I have been so much annoyed and harassed by the potty, dirty, groveling tyranny of the local scoundrels here that I fear I puzzled you confoundedly to make any thing out of the last Number if I drove you up into a corner for time also which I will not do again - I see that I must take more pains in Writing Names & places plain & altho I do not know how the Printer could read Northampton for Nottingham

do my good fellow make the best you can of it, and rectify or strike
out altogether any of my crude unintelligible matter that you may
think objectionable — — — I really cannot ask you to
come down at present to see me because all my Friends are
excluded excepting 4 hours in the Day from 9 till 12 and from
3 till 4 — And all Females are excluded & prohibited
from coming to see me except my Wife & Daughter the former
my Tyrant's Sister was separated from me by mutual consent
18 Years ago & the only daughter I have is Married & out of
the Country, so that I am placed here & held up as a being like
the Curragh Outrage in the Tower not a proper Subject to be
seen by Females — What think you of this? Mr. Vince and
Miss Gray were just about to get things comfortable for me here
& had began to soften & make me forget the rigors of confinement
when a sudden savage order came to exclude them & they were
unexpectably sent back with a moment's notice & without any
complaint as they were bringing in my Dinner & I was never
suffered to see them after unless I would have degraded myself &
them by ~~overstepping~~ placing them in a situation to have conversed
with them at the distance of 6 Feet double groking between us —
& with the liability of meeting fellows who had committed unnatural

Crimes & their Associates — But since they I cannot work
of their death with any patience — Do you not remember Mr. S. Abraham
Ellen at Bristol & you must also recollect Charles Isaac Allen
I will give you an extract of a letter that he wrote to S. R. Phillips
the other day to show you his feelings upon the dastardly conduct of his
Father & Co. he writes thus — "I was deeply shocked to see the name of Ellen
"the other day as one of the ———, concerned in the persecution of that
"grievously injured Man Hunt, whose case will, when the prejudices
"of the day are laid asleep, be considered as conferring Infamy on
"all concerned in it — Nothing can wash away the spots with
"which every outrage in such a case must stain all concerned in it

"In all things Hunt may not be blameless
"but for what he now is suffering he is
"meritorious even to sainthood"

C. A. Allen

"C. Allen Bristol Sep. 14 1840

I think this is good, but what think you of Bristol having produced
such a sentiment — I am so agitated when I think of it that
I scarcely dare trust myself to think of it — Mr. Vince and
Miss Gray are at Stonington altho it made Mr. Vince very ill again
yet thank God she is now every fast — God bless you & yours

W. W. Wood

W. Hunt

M. Davenport
Burton

Forwarded by Mr. Dally



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Elcheater Bastile Sunday Dec. 24

[1820]

My dear Davenport

With this you will have the remaining

Copy for N^o 9 of my Memoirs the address to the Radicals you shall have sent tomorrow as I shall write it tonight - I am always
locked up in solitary confinement from 5 in the evening till
8 in the morning 15 Hours out of the 24 - I write every thing
in the Night therefore you must excuse its being cloudy -
- You did great justice to the last N^o. but pray send it back
to Dalby as soon as possible for He makes a great Cry out
because we do not let him have the Copy in time & it is a
considerable loss to me if it is not published in time for
the Magazine's parcels - I expect Mr. Vince & Miss Gray to
spend the new year with me, & I should feel great pleasure in
seeing you at the same time if you were not better engaged
but lately you have given up talking of coming therefore I hope I
may expect you in reality - The Letter Subscription Coach
which leaves the Cannon Coffee House in the evening passes through this
place at 1 the next Day had bless you yours sincerely
A Hunt

Mr. Davenport