

To
The Chairman
of Select Committee
on County Rates

Sir,

36 Stamford Street

March 18th 1825

As I have had very peculiar
opportunities of ascertaining many of the causes
of the great increase in the amount of the expenditure
of County Rates, & as I have devoted a considerable
portion of my time to that subject, I take
leave to request that my testimony may be taken
before the Select Committee now sitting, appointed
by the House of Commons to enquire into the
expenditure of said County Rates.

I am Sir
your very obedient Servant

A. Hunt.

To the Chairman
of the Select Committee
on County Rates.

P.S. - I shall be obliged with an intimation to
you when I shall have the honour to attend the
Committee

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Royal Coburg Theatre

7 Decr 1825.

Sir,

Your discriminating liberality will no doubt have readily apprehended, that the farcical sketch entitled "London Characters" performed at this Theatre, so far from being in the slightest degree a malignant satire, is nothing but a good-humoured effort to amuse the Town by introducing more pointedly to their notice yourself & some other eminent characters in the commercial world who are perpetually making such powerful appeals to their patronage - as far as such a trifle can have effect on the public mind, it must be to second your own efforts to acquire popularity - an impression of a different nature has by some individuals been attempted to be insinuated into the

public opinion, & it is hoped by the managers,
that you will have no objection to give a
death blow to so unfounded a surmise by
kindly consenting to patronize the performance
on Tuesday evening next, which will not only
have the effect of removing every erroneous
impression, but will be a convincing proof
of the liberality of your own mode of
thinking.

The Managers beg leave respectfully to
subscribe themselves Your very O^bd^t Serv^{ts}

Wm. Davidge

P.S. Your answer will be solicited on Friday
Morning next.

Gentlemen

36 Stamford Street

Dec^r 12th 1825

I was not a little surprised
at the contents of your Letter of the 7th inst^{ant}.
I have not seen the infamous force ^{which} you call
"London Characters" or Puff, Puff, Puff, but from
what I have heard of it, I not only consider it a
most unaccountable, ^{& unprecedented} liberty taken by an ignorant
& inexperienced Writer, but on your part a
gross breach of common decency, after the promise
made me through your prompter that nothing
political should be introduced amongst the other
ridiculous matter that had been written to misrep^{re-}
sent me. ^{Character} I trust I have too much good sense as well
as good Temper to ^{be much} ^{resent or to feel} offended at a Laugh risen at
my expense, but it remained for the Proprietors
of the Coburg alone, to solicit a Man to witness &
publicly ^{the representation} sanction of himself, drawn as a stupid Fool.
To Mess^{rs} Davidge & Co

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant W^m Aust

W Hunt

Mr. David H.
Royal College
Dec. 12. 1825