1832

My dear Sir Henry

Pray look at the enclosed which I have made out with the Duke, tell me if you think they are all good men & true, & who you think may be influenced by whom. — Perhaps it will be best if you will talk him over when you have considered it a little. — If we can get as many as this we shall do. I am so very anxious he should

Keep this dance & check them again if they try it!

Yrs most sincerely

[illegible]

1832?

Extract (From Dublin

You know the regret with which I leave Mount Stewart – and you know there is no individual in this town, that has the smallest place in my affections – or to whom, in a moment of dejection, I could impart my gloom – my spirits are certainly infinitely better than they were, but still reflection and its attendant sensibility – follow me, and when they arise I am alone and deserted – as I approach Dublin, my heart, in some measure droops, my nerves become irritated and days must elapse, before either my tranquillity, or any degree of firm understanding returns.

I have often told you, I found myself unfit to take an active part in politics – I find my apprehensions rather increased – and the inducement diminished – In politics, as in life, it is an uninteresting effort to

advance without a friend, or without a party on whose success you place your hopes – abstract opinion on every question that arises – requires feelings compos'd, and an understanding always alive to ascert it with effect. – In opposing both parties, you alienate both, you have nothing but your own solidity to support you – You must take root alone and struggle against all the nipping winds that blow, and not even expect the slightest shelter to protect you a infant shoot, as they advance from perishing – Thus am I circumstanced in this Country – and thus am I likely to remain – an attachment to a party, or an employment, are the only means by which a disposition that requires some degree of encouragement, can advance, the latter makes the effort indispensible, the former supports you in it – a party I certainly might attach myself to in Ireland, but my affections are so decidedly opposed to their principles that at the moment I was acting with them – I should wish them to fail – The service of Government here, is too irksome even to make it desirable to be employed – therefore I shall continue for some time, in my present state of inactivity possibly grow sick of it – and return to Philosophy a pursuit, I am convinced, infinitely more productive of happiness to the person engaged in it – but neither attended with so much celebrity, ~~nor leading to so much celebrity~~, nor leading to so much importance in these Countries – as politics – but not to tire you any longer with my public difficulties – I must tell you &c &c &c

Private

Extract letter
Dublin

L. L.

This is doubtless
an extract
from a letter
of Alexander Robert
Earl Cathcart

but actual date

Connaught Place
Jan 14.

My dear Hardinge

I have just time enough to hastily offer a few words on the part of the King's Speech which must relate to me. Truly.

I forgot to tell you that one of the Reports of the Magistrate of Lahore is to have the recent Police victory.

Yours very truly

Ellenborough

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London Jan 15
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My dear Bentinck

I think that I left in my Box containing the Protocols &c on the negociations with Holland & Belgium.

I beg you that he have it again if I did

Believe me ever your's most sincerely WB

PS
Lt Genl Bentinck

Private & Confidential

J. Page Esq. — B1 — C 147

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My dear Lord Grey

I will not delay my respectful satisfaction of communicating to you the enclosed letter, and of between ourselves opening the business before I went down. This letter will at least serve to show where the difficulty in doing justice to your Claims lies.

Return me the enclosed.

I shall be in Town Tuesday & dined on Thursday.

Is it true that Mr. Parnell is out of Office? Ever your's most truly

W E

Private

My dear Sir Henry, Durham
28 Feb. 1832

I am sure you will forgive my troubling you on the subject of a summons, which has been mentioned to me here by the Bp. of St David's — to the effect that I have written to Lord Grey making the amends Lowther, stating my conviction of the necessity of reform, and offering to support any Bill for that purpose which he shall propose.

I will not do myself the injustice of thinking it necessary to

contradict such a rumour, in writing to you. And, indeed, if it rested on no avowed authority, I should be content to let it remain altogether unnoticed — But I am told by this Br. Offr. D., that he asked Mr Trevor what was the meaning of the report, and that Mr T. answered "all that I can say is, ~~I heard Mr S.~~ the thing was talked of in the Valley Room, and that Mr Ellice said, "The letter is now lying on Lord Grey's Table".

I by no means wish to engage you in the affair — on the contrary, I should be very sorry if it were to pass through any hands, which would be ~~[illegible]~~ brought by it into hostile encounter — But I should be much obliged, if you would tell me anything which you have heard on the subject, and which you may think it right for me to know.

I shall write by tomorrow's Post from this place to Mr Trevor, telling him what the Br. Offr. David says — and telling him also, that the rumour is not only untrue, but has not the slightest foundation of truth — that there has been no ~~letter~~ ~~or~~ communication from me to Ld Grey on the question of Reform except in my place in the H. of L. and no ~~letter or~~ communication on

any subject since the discussion in that House on the 12th of October last.

and I have requested Mr Trevor to ~~that~~ to enable me to leave the stay, which is no longer a vague rumour, but rests on the authority of Ld Grey's Brother in Law – Mr Ellice – as cited by him.

I shall be in London on Tuesday morning at 34 St James's Place – & shall be much obliged by your favouring me with a note, stating whether the rumour has reached you, & in what form –

Always yours
most sincerely
most sincerely
W Molesworth

Private and Confidential

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London March 10

1832

My dear Bowdrige I have not written to you upon the subject on which I conversed with you about ten days ago. I wrote the letter which was settled and sent it on the same Morning.

I have received no answer. I have said nothing to any body; and have not heard a word upon the subject.

Have you
Believe me dear
Yours
Sincerely
WB

The D. of W. in reply to a speech of
L^d. Grey's denying that the Govt. had
encouraged Agitation, referred to the letter
of L^d. John Russell, "the whisper of a faction"
&c &c &c

L^d. John wrote to the Duke complaining
of his waiving a subject, he having in his
place denied that he meant to include
the majority of the lords as a faction — &c

The D. of W. in answer to this letter says
he should be sorry to misrepresent the
statements or opinions of any man, but on
reference to the debates in the Commons,
it appears that the denial was partial
his lordship attributing factious motives, to a small
but self-interested part of the lords. his answer
was sent to L^d. John —

London March 21
1832

My dear Lordship

I send you the enclosed
I beg you Return it as
I have no copy

Ever Yours most sincerely
Otn

This Paper is wrongly dated and
I think it is a pity that you should
have a copy but, that if you will
return me the enclosed
I will
Rectify
the Dating
Lordship
Yours
Otn
and then I will send it back to you
and then I will send it back to you
You shall
done a good thing for it some day. Otn

London April 7 1832

My dear Landrye

I have received your letters and papers for which I return many thanks. I will make use of the latter when the proper time will come. I don't think I can stop much. He is very warm about the cause of Lord Durham and

Chancellor which he
have is too bad; and if
he speaks it will not be
with discretion.
The Question appears to
be still any body's.
I really believe that there
has yet in any public
Assembly one upon which
the Division depended
so much upon the.
Anxious

management of the Debate.
Ever Yours most sincerely
Wellington
I don't think that
what is passing at
Windsor is worth talking
one's head about. We
must save Windsor!
Windsor will not save us

London May 14th 1832
½ past ten PM

My Dear Marquis

I have just now received your Letter which has surprised me much. I had imagined that the Debates had been very favourable in the first instance.

I shall be delighted to see Sir Robert Peel or any body from the House. I confess that I can't very clearly see how

speeches or a vote in the
H. of Commons can prevent
me from pursuing the course
on which I have entered,
unless it should be found
that a Govt. cannot be formed
for the King in the H. of Commons.
Believe me ever yours most
sincerely Wellington

Copy

15. Nov. 1832

My dear Lord L.

The Baring & M. Sutton administration is at an end, — the D of W. will & by this time has told the K. that he cannot form a Govt. in the Hse of Commons. — That he advises him to try Lord Grey to resume office, & that to save the K. honor & as much as it can be saved that of the Lords; the Tories must withdraw their opposition, & by some such compromise save the creation of Peers. —

If Lord Grey is obstinate we gain something by the attempt, but as long as Peel, & Co&c

and Goulburn, Herries, Inglis, Dawson et cetera, hold back, it is impossible to do anything in the Commons.

We only break up the Conservative party and prolong the <u>inevitable</u> Revolution a few months.— Nothing can save us but <u>Union</u>, and that we shall not obtain.

The K. might try a Wharncliffe administration, expressly formed to carry the Bill,— but a divided Tory administration will not answer. Ever affect.y yrs.

D. H.

Copy

To Lord Londonderry

May 15.

Lincoln's Inn, 1832

My dear Hardy I find that I have mislaid your Note containing Lord Hardwicke's name address &c

I have written him an answer which I will transmit as soon as you will let me know where he is to be found.

The address was I think simply the Earl of Hardwicke Lord Peel's mansion

Yours

Wetherell

To Henry Hardy Esq MP

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Copy of a Letter from Mr. Babbage dated 17th July 1832.

My Dear Sir,

I have now examined all the papers you put into my hands relative to the Soldiers Pension.-

The Memorandum of the 26th April 1832. appears to me to take a very just view of the subject, and in the absence of those data which are required it offers approximate ones on which the calculations are founded.- It would be presumption in me to suppose that my Opinion ought to have much weight when compared with those of Sir Henry Hardinge, and of the Gentlemen who have drawn up the Memoranda their long experience must have afforded them better means of Estimating the Validity of the data than I can possess.- As however you wish to have my Opinion, such as it is, I will add that if I were myself obliged to decide upon the evidence before me, I should certainly decide that the System of allowing the Pension of 10d a day to those who have served 21 Years, is, in a financial point of view inexpedient.-

I cannot conclude this Letter without remarking that although both Parties appear to be anxious to get at the truth, yet the Absence of Collected and well arranged facts defeats their Common purpose.- Possibly those facts may exist in the Records of the War Office, and of Chelsea Hospital, scattered over a large space of time, and of Paper, but such materials can scarcely ever be Collected together at the Moment when they are wanted, and are rarely thought of except by Speculative Men, whose Abstract enquiries are generally neglected.-

Thus the Country occasionaly loses large Sums of Money.- We had an instance a few Years since when it was discovered that the Government had lost about two Millions by the erroneous nature of their Annuity Tables.-

I remain my Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(Signed) C. Babbage

Dorset Street
Manchester Square
17th July 1832.

To The Right Honorable
Sir John Cam Hobhouse Bart &c.

Copy of a Letter

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Babbage dated 28th July 1832.

My Dear Sir,

I return the Papers you sent me and still think that with the evidence we have my decision (If I were called upon to decide) must be that the offer of the Pension often pence after 21 Years Service, would be attended with a Pecuniary Loss to Government.—

The Amount of that loss must however depend upon the degree of accuracy of the data, but I think the principles on which Mr. Holditch founds his opinions are Correct.—

I remain my Dear Sir
very faithfully yours
(Signed) C. Babbage.

Dorset Street
Manchester Square
28th July 1832.

To
The Right Honorable
Sir John C Hobhouse Bart. &c

Observations on Mr. Holditch's view of the Pension base (enclosed in the above Letter)

I concur generally with Mr. Holditch on the Subject and particularly in the want of the return mentioned in Pages 849 (of the original 84 of the Copy) but I think it might perhaps be possible that from the Records of Chelsea Hospital some portion of the data required might with much trouble be picked up.—

The allowances for deterioration of Life after 24 & 25 Years Service are as Mr. H. observes of the greatest importance in the Question, and I think Medical Men attached to the Army would be better Judges of their accuracy than I am.— I therefore take the two Values $\frac{4}{15}$th and 3/5 as given.— I must however observe that the latter appears to me, (with my imperfect information) <u>to be too large an allowance</u>.—

If this should be the case the loss to Government would be diminished.—

The Decrement of Life (those of Finlaison increased by 50 Per Cent) are employed.— Now if those decrements are well chosen, a table might be formed of the value of annuities on Soldiers lives after 21 Years Service which would throw some light on the Question; for it would then be found whether on that Hypothesis the value of an Annuity on a Soldiers Life after 25 Years Service was reduced by 3/5 of the Value, for an Ordinary Life of the same Age.— But this would lead to tedious Calculations.—

The allowance for Interest for Bounty on Recruits includes I presume the expense arising from the fact that in 525 Years, 10,000 Men would have received Bounty 25 times if the 10d. Pension were allowed, whereas they would only have received Bounty 21 times if it were not allowed.—

I have not a Copy of Mr. Finlaison's Tables and take it for granted that the Arithmetical Calculations are rightly performed.—

(Signed) C. B.

28th July 1832.

Copies of Letters from
Mr. Babbage of 17th
and 28th July 1832.

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High Beech
Private Waltham Abbey
15 Augt 1832

My dear Hardinge

Pray accept very many thanks from me for the trouble you have so kindly taken on my account, I return to you Peel's note which is entirely satisfactory, & as all whose opinions I value are agreed on the subject, it sets my mind quite at ease about it & I shall of course act accordingly whenever the official proposal be made to me, but I have as yet heard nothing further

since

since the confidential communication of Sir Thomas Hardy which I mentioned to you, and I should not be surprised if after all Sir James Graham were to turn round & come ultimately to a different decision on the point from that contemplated by Sir Thomas Hardy. be this however as it may, it is a great satisfaction to me after Sir Thomas' warning to be fully prepared with my reply should the offer come.—

Believe me with great truth
Ever faithfully Your's
Rockburn

Ewalim 4 November 1852

My Lord

Although participating in the regret which all must feel for the loss of the Illustrious Duke, I hope I may be permitted to offer my humble but sincere congratulations to your Lordship on your succeeding to the high & distinguished position of Commander in Chief of the British Army, a post to which you have been called, I may say, by the voice & wish of the whole nation, which is the highest testimony of your eminent qualifications for it –

To your Lordship I am indebted for

many & great kindnesses — To you I owe the companionship of the Staff, & my present high position; for these I am deeply grateful, and this, I hope will plead my excuse for thus trespassing on your & Staff's valuable time — and with my most sincere wishes for many & many years of health & happiness to enjoy from this highly esteemed position —

I remain

My Lord

Your most obliged & grateful Servant

Jas Hanson.

To
Lt. General Viscount Hardinge G.C.B
Commander in Chief — H.M.s Forces —

London Nov 17 1832

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My dear Darling I received your two letters of Monday this morning at Hartwell Park.

And Mr Pope consulted me upon the proposition made & I prevented the Address from the Merchants & the City. I recommended that some of the [illegible] should act & be permitted to prevent it & the thing must be treated lightly.

It is true that the point of this Report might lead to consequences but as the M. has now received it appeared best to be the best form. I would not have asked for an audience thereon if, if it had been

entrusted to me. I should have
sent it as I did the address from
Rochdale & the meeting of Wale
& he presented by Deputa
Such an address with the
King could have answered no
purpose. It would have
occasioned all sorts of reports,
which would have resounded
to the end of the world.
Scheme never yet has
succeeded W B

Yours
Henry Lindsay M.P.