

Reddish Hotel. July 16<sup>th</sup>  
1811

Madam,

It is with great concern I have just heard from Mr. Hanson the difficulty you have been under with regard to the annuities. — I have returned to England for the purpose of arranging the business, which shall be done as soon as I return from Lancashire where Mr. H. & myself in a short time proceed. —

You are perhaps not aware of the illegality of the transaction, & if I hear that any further difficulty takes place, ~~with you~~, I shall be under the necessity of bringing the whole before a Court, But if Mr. Howard will remain quiet for a short time, & not compel us to such measures I shall make every effort to discharge you from

your responsibility. — I shall certainly use my  
endeavour to prevent you from being further  
undisturbed, & as I trust soon to be enabled to  
satisfy every body, it will <sup>be</sup> Mr. Howard's own fault  
if the business does not end quietly; and he must  
be perfectly aware of what I have already stated, &  
if he is not, — I am, — though I do not wish to  
rest my plea on such grounds, unless forced in  
your defence & mine <sup>to</sup> do it. — I am Madam

yr. very obed<sup>t</sup>.

hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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BYRON (Lord) Autograph Letter, signed "Byron." 2 pages, 4to. Reddish's Hotel,  
July 16, 1811. In a half morocco case. \$ 75.00

\*\*Written the day after Byron's arrival at London after his first trip to Greece. It entirely concerns the financial difficulties with which he was beset at this period. In 1807 he had obtained a loan at ruinous rates of interest, and in 1816 this was causing him much trouble.

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With authentication by Professor Theodore G. Ehrsam, Nov. 3, 1951