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14 Nelliers Street, Strand Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1887

Dear and Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir, "Bis dat qui cito dat" was never more kindly exem-  
plified than by the Contents of your most friendly Letter, which, as I shall speak  
say, "dropp'd Manna in the Way of starving People" for which please to accept  
the sincere and thankful acknowledgements of me and mine.

I am additionally obliged by your kind suggestion respecting Memorial  
and beg to inform you that, nearly two years back, I put a Petition to His late  
Majesty into the Official Hands of Sir Herbert Taylor, to whom I also wrote two  
very respectful Letters stating my Circumstances and Petitions but no answer  
was returned to either Letters or Petition - The Hon. G. Lamb (with whom, when I was  
Stage Manager of Drury Lane & he one of the Committee, I had the honor of being so  
far intimate that I often dined with him & by his ~~own~~ introduction, with his  
Father, the late Lord Melbourne) aided me at his Death, every trifling matter for  
some of our Works, and, having been disappointed in the application I  
have mentioned, I wrote to the present Lord Melbourne, whom I had often met  
& Melbourne had, and asked his aid. To his Honor be it spoken he  
sent around me with a Donation, from the King, of £500 - but said he could  
do no more - this, tho' a great Relief, was but temporary and nearly 10 months  
having since expired I wrote to the Bishop of Kent who patronized the

To The Rev<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wilkinson  
Walsingham  
Cheltenham



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My Mother under my Management I used to borrow my Dramas to get acquainted with English Idiom, and which her Royal Highness's Interest with the Queen, to whom I also sent a Relation on the "Last of the three Delivers, thro' the official Medium of Sir Henry Wheatley, to which I have had no Reply -

I am ashamed to intrude on so much of your Time, but think it necessary in respect to your exceedingly kind Recd, to state especially how much I stand - and if, I do not very soon, get any Notice of my Application, I will take the Liberty of enclosing you a Memorial or Relation, in a Letter adapted to the Subject, for the good of your presenting to the Members for Cheltenham

My heart, Dear Sir, would impel me to go much further into my feelings for your conduct for and consideration & Reverence, but I hope you will give me Credit for what I want Power and Ability to express -

I will make it a point to collect you some Autographs if the Libraries of Cheltenham have any "Reminiscences" as published by Cooteburn, the Correspondence I have been honored with, will therein show you that I have some valuable signatures -  
As above, but, in that your kindness is not soon or a little less and I have me to be, your respectfully grateful Servant, J. Bebbin