

Hebville letters

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Hon. Hugh Kissow to Robt. Duncanson (aft. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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Sir Hugh Keightley	
Sir Herbert Taylor	

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 Wm. Huskisson to Robt. Dundas (Capt. 2nd Viscount  
 Melville - then Chief Secy. to the Gov. of Ireland)

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Dear Dundas

I doubt whether it be worth  
 while to trouble you with the enclosed, tho' by so  
 doing no harm can be done. I know nothing of  
 the Writer, and shall not answer his Letter, unless  
 you think I ought; but of the Work advertised  
 I have heard a great deal. It relates to  
 a Transaction not very creditable to our three  
 eldest Princes, who took up Money from foreign  
 Jews & Bankers upon Int Bills. A set  
 of infamous Swindlers have drawn up  
 some Narrative of this Transaction, which  
 they have now used for some years as  
 the Means of entering Money from the

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Penier, and when they had got from them  
 all they could get, they have tried how  
 far they could succeed with others. In  
 this way, they have assailed me for this  
 last twelve months; but I have kept them  
 at arms length. I understand that I am  
 introduced into this Work, as an Agent em-  
 ployed by the Penier to get their Creditors  
 quill-tined, and in many other Characters  
 equally honorable. I need not assure  
 you that I am a perfect Stranger to the  
 whole, and to every part of these  
 Transactions, and that I know nothing

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of them, except by common Rumour, so far  
 therefore as I am concerned I am indifferent  
 to the Publication; and, if it appears, shall  
 probably have to deal with the Publisher  
 in a Court of Law. At least it is the  
 only Place in which I will have any  
 Dealings with Him. I will therefore thank  
 you to let me know (if you can easily ascertain  
 it) who my Correspondent is, and what you  
 learn of the Publication. If He means an  
 act of Kindness, I should be glad in declining  
 his Services, to thank Him for the Offer; but  
 if it is made in an interested view (which  
 is perhaps more probable) I should

take no notice of his Letter. I suspect  
an Irishman of the name of Robert Taylor,  
who is now in Dublin, to be concerned with  
one Davenport Sedley, & some other Vellains  
of the same Description in their Town, in bringing  
forward the Publication, and that there is  
no such Person as Mr St Leger, the pretended  
Author.

I feel strongly concerned  
in the Impression conveyed to you in my  
Letter of yesterday, as to the probable  
Issue of the present Crisis, I shall go  
to Naples tomorrow to wait the Event, which  
I am persuaded, cannot be very long delayed.

I remain Dear Madam,  
yours faithfully  
W. Pitt Rivers