

In Dearest Taylor
 Private March 1810.

London March 26. 1810

My Dear Greenwood,

I wish it were in my power to go
 to Town & see You on the subject of an Application which
 I have been desired by the Princess Sophia to make to
 You & which I could better explain verbally than in
 writing. It arises from her wish to assist the Duke of
 York and she is anxious beyond measure that what
 she proposes may be practicable. I will proceed to the
 point at once. You will of course recollect that Princess
 Sophia had paid some months back to Lord the
 Duke of York & if not £5000 which she conceived to be
 at her disposal & that the "rascally" conduct of Mr
 Botton deprived her of the means of so doing. Her
 wish continues the same, she has felt beyond expression
 mortified at Mr. A. B.'s being disappointed & there is
 no question she would not make to realize her wish.

Expectations. With this view it had been suggested to her to
 borrow the money £5000 of Messrs Drummonds which
 they should reimburse themselves from her Allowance by
 regular Instalments; but to this she feels the greatest
 objection, after all that has lately passed in regard to
 the accounts, as well as on account of the Duke of York
 for she could not avoid stating her Object in requesting
 such a loan & she is very desirous that the Circumstances
 should be known to them ^{not} or in short to any Person
 whose friendship for the Duke would ^{not} ensure Secrecy. She
 has also good Reason to apprehend that the Application
 would be fruitless. — Under these Circumstances she
 hopes You will forgive her having recourse to your
 Assistance towards obtaining for the Duke of York an
 immediate loan of £5000, which she would engage
 to repay by quarterly Instalments of £500 besides
 the Interest; the first Instalment to take place in

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July next, this is her Proposal, but in order to facilitate
the arrangement I have obtained her Consent, to propose
what would ensure the Payment within a year & a half
namely that the £1000 being my share of the
Mortgage on the House at Longmouth, which will I
have understood be liquidated this year, should
go towards the Repayment, & that I should engage
to pay £1000 more within the first six months of
next year, which £2000 Princess Sophia would repay
to me at her convenience the whole sum of £3000
being considered as lent by her to the Duke of York.
For the repayment of Princess Sophia I am certain I
can answer most positively, but if any further
immediate security should be necessary I will produce
a Bond from my Elder Brother for £2400. - Upon
these terms I should hope my Dear Greenwood that
You will not have any Difficulty in procuring for

As to the sum required & I have had less hesitation
in agreeing to convey the application as I know
that no one feels more disposed than you do to
assist them as far as it is possible. In whatever
manner the thing is done or from whatever quarter
the money is procured, Princess Sophia is extremely
desirous that no one except yourself should know
of it, & this has also been a principal motive with
her for not addressing herself to any other quarter
where such a request of money might not have
met with due attention. — Pray let her have
an answer as soon as you conveniently can
& believe me ever
Yours Dear Greenwood

Most truly & affectionately
Yours

Altho I have stated that the

J. Taylor,

first instalment would be paid by

Princess Sophia in July, she will undertake to make up
£2000 in the first instalment. — 1752