

Private

Mr. Moxon

Bond Street.

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My Dear Sir,

I cannot express to you the pain & mortification with which I have heard just this moment, that Mrs. Guest has been with you. Pray be certain that she has not had the smallest warrant for any such proceeding. She is one of the most preposterous, officious, & tormenting fools in existence (to every body), and you have had unluckily, the misfortune of having had your name mentioned to her by somebody,- most probably her brother,- which was quite warrant for her doing something revolting & absurd. I will tell you more of her when we meet. Your name was undoubtedly mentioned by me to her brother's lawyer, but not in the remotest degree as warranting my use of it by the parties;- he asked me if I could do any thing with my publisher your name accordingly came up,-& in my despair I said I would see; but I did not ever intend to apply to you personally. The application would have come round to you, if at all, in a different manner; & certainly you will now hearso more of it, nor of any further trouble I hope, except which

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must be inevitably given to your kindness in helping to bring out my book.. Excuse meantime this preposterous mortification brought upon you by the greatness of my troubles; & believe me,

Dear sir,

Your truly obliged & faithful servant,

Leigh Hunt

P.S. I happen to be tired with writing, it drives me into this little niggling hand.

Will you be kind enough to shew this note to Mr. Forster? I should have called on you long ere this, in the morning; but the truth is, I am too like a poet, at present in my wardrobe, to venture among you patricians of the press..

5. York Buildings-

Wednesday April 18. 1832.

P.P.S. Mrs. Hunt tells me, that your name was first mentioned to my lawyer, in Connexion with the Exhibition & that he must have mentioned it to the other.