My dearest Lettera,

Here am I in my former Lodgings, as I am not fond of new faces I always prefer resorting to old acquaintance. Thomas gave you an account of our safe arrival the morning after he wrote to you another letter yesterday but forgot to put it into the post office. Therefore to-day I surmised this ready written letter by writing to my dear love a few lines myself. The day after I got to London I called about the middle of the day upon my brother; but as I expected found he was in bed - I called a second time in about an hour, his servant informed me, that his Master who was still in bed requested I would do with him at the Groom's head in Bow Street at six o'clock. I explained that I should expect him to done with me at the Holy Land Coffee house at half after five - so left his house,Scanty without much expectation that I should see him that day. Not long after five Tom & I prepared to the Holy Land & I kept the dinner. Not that the probability was that we should done tête à tête however. I was agreeably surprised by Richard Boswell's appearance who came even before the dinner was ready; a degree of sanctity very extraordinary in him. London is now so empty, that this is a public Coffee room, we had it at this time entirely to ourselves. He came up to me with much more cordiality.
than I expected, before one according to the good old fashion which I knew one thought of as the custom was entirely made by himself, I did not most kindly on Tom whom I introduced to him, he remained with me till near eleven o'clock as my great wish I wanted he should be for the reason. My story treated him to a bottle of Madeira wine, so I knew how so communicative was confidential and he was the more evening, but indeed we had so much to say to each other that we had not time to utter. In other words, I should make no doubt that it could be easily managed. I said to him (it was a winter place) he replied to mean that also, for nothing short of it would be worth taking any thing for himself or his own son. I could not have him under all sorts of to him that once he had no power taking anything for himself or his own son. I could not have him when a better time for a chance of getting something for his nephew my son. He made me many apologies according to custom for not having announced the two last letters I wrote to him from Ireland. I expressed myself highly obliged to me for having written to him, but confessed he had not read my first letter which he received a month before the revolution of the 23 July, till after he had got my second written a few days after that event — as I had suspected this would have been the case. So my second letter informed him to my merit for some particulars which he wished to be acquainted with, accordingly he acknowledged that upon me of the second, he had made a search for his first, found it — and added that he had then sent one letter to Mr. Addington. This must be a sort of information of one to Mr. Addington. After all for many reasons I am very anxious and it by plausibility, can get Mr. I. to appoint him to take me to Mr. Addington. This knows much at any rate to his being till next week for Mr. I. is gone this day to Knightsbridge, where to meet the Prince. He sends me word that he should not return till Tuesday next, he should expect someone to deal with him at his own house on Wednesday next, till which day I can give you no further act of it but the poor Duke of York is in present England at a friend's house in the country, he of his having been thrown out from the letter on Monday last being very delayed by the accident, he is in no way of recovery but some time must deviate before we can see her Grace — London so the mailly empty just now. Scarcely one of any friends in it. On Monday I shall endeavour to see Lord Abercorn on Tuesday next I shall give you a further account of my journey if any thing occurs in the mean time. I shall write to you my cousin. My present situation apply to our Pride's Minute of O'Connell just to certify that we are residing in his person at Worcester. I am alive that is to say both living on the 30th May 1803 — the certificate being required for all persons about from Ireland who are entitled to payment at the Treasury of Dublin, and the certificate to me by return of the Post. I have forwardly the book — My love to Anne & the dear girls both by little given an account of your conduct —

God of Heaven help my heart to love. C. R. S.
26th Sept. 1803

M. [illegible]

Mr. Henley
Foregate Street
Worcester
My ever dearest Edith,

It is truly provoking that since I wrote last, the daily expectation of hearing something satisfactory in the object of my journey to town, to communicate to you, yet from a variety of 
circumstances I have nothing new to tell you on that subject, nor have I been able to advance my 
progress a single step since my last letter. However this week I hope to be able to make up for lost time. The fact is that I found that not one of the persons whom I was expecting to see would have been in town during the last fortnight. I should certainly have postponed for a fortnight at least my departure from Worcester. However, this can now be helped by Samuel's 
endeavour to make the best of it, notwithstanding I can only but be vexed at an unnecessary absence from you for a fortnight; the unnecessary expense which unavoidably attended it—Richard Korenly as Tommy informed you on Thursday last went to Broughsholme so immediately after our first meeting, that there was not time for a second, so that of him I can say not, but that he is not yet returned to town. He expected to arrive tomorrow—however with regard to expecting him, the truth is that his servant said to me the other day, when I called at the house to enquire for him—"Sir," said the man, I never expect him till I see him." It seems he was expressly sent for by the Prince of Wales, if there were appointments for himself, this year.
from her accident to be able to come to town - I call on her at his house to inquire after her, I leave my name with his Peter - Lord's Herbert Pultam and Waters are also out of Town, I have been more my own counsel but they are expected in the course of this week - none of our Irish friends are in Town except Lord's lady, whom I met in town yesterday, which was only the second dinner we got together. We came to London - The Wood was with my worthy old Prend, the Yeates - Mr. Borthwick is in town in a very handsome House - called upon her yesterday, & she received me.

Tommy most cordially. W.T.B. is in Lancashire, but she writes after our dinner with her on Tuesday next, which will make the third dinner together. I am this particular about dinner invitations for truth to say dining at a coffee house of having two always to pay for is a most expensive business, particularly as every thing has almost doubled in price since I was last in London, so that I have already very nearly come to the end of my cash. I brought with me, which would not have been the case had not as almost all my friends been out of town - because. My dear

1 hand - letter including the certificate, which I forwarded the same day to Mr. B., where I expect every hour to hear from him, without which I shall not be able to hold out above a week longer. Tommy requests you will write to him ill, to Charlie to answer her letter with a thousand loves to Charlie. I, the God's Child, I beseech you, to your dearest love.
Monday 26th March 1804

This is not my regular post day, yet having any ever dearer
Letter, something not unpleasant to communicate to you, my long
confinement on account of the severity both of the weather & of
my cough, having rather to prevent me writing to you, I seize the first moment to give you an account
of yesterday — Charles in his Letter of Saturday last, mentioned
to you that Lord Hutchinson had just then called upon me to
tell me he would accompany me to the Prince the next day (yesterday). Independent of the resentment I felt at master
Bridgley's neglect, a resentment I could not help feeling, in spite
of the ample knowledge which I suppose all who are acquainted with him
have of his character in this respect — it was always my wish
that he should not be the person who should first introduce
me to the Prince — I did not then chuse it should be
imagine] that I could my introduction to his W. H. to my be
imagine] that I could understand that I
was introduced to the Prince on my own account, nor on
my brother's, for this is the real fact — and the Prince would
have equally desired to see me, if have given me an equally
gracious reception whether Bridgley was or was not now
in existence. By those who know the very active part I
took in Ireland in favour of the Prince upon the regency
question, the sacrifice I then made. This may be easily
conceived, but in England where this circumstance is little known
it, where the intimacy & connection that subsists between the Prince &
Bridgley, is universally known, it would be natural enough to
suppose that I was introduced to the former merely because I was
brother to the latter, a supposition that would have been
confirmed had Bridgley been the person who introduced me.
The Queen spoke that it should not be immediately an acquaintance, but an old friend of my own, who should introduce me to the Prince, & so respectable a well-known character as Lord Hutchinson was the proper person. I could pitch, when I was perfectly convinced that all that was necessary was that the Prince should simply be informed. It was in London, I accordingly requested Lord Hutchinson would just tell him—what I expected came to pass; a letter from Lord Hutchinson called on me Saturday at the Prince's immediate desire to inform me that his Maj. had long wished, if it were possible without loss to come in to me. The Prince, therefore, Lord Hutchinson & I went yesterday afternoon to see me. We went immediately, & the Prince still wanted to come in to me, but I was not prepared, though I was very kind, & I have been to see me to one or more times, more gracious & more friendly than the reception of me, he told me he knew the subject of a truly cordial warmth & told me that he had long wished to have the pleasure of gratification he now felt at seeing me. He had not been two minutes in the room before he gave the utmost delicacy of politeness & apology for the delay, he was going to take me to wait for me in such short notice, but that if I was not engaged he must invite upon Lord Hutchinson, my dinner with him that day. In short, in his manners he appeared the most gentlemanly gentleman I had ever met with, & so I was at the same time the most affable & most cultivated address—Lord Hutchinson remained with me about half an hour, during which time he

The Prince took frequent opportunities of alluding to the delicate manner in which circumstances by which he conceived himself under obligations to me. Desiring to Lord Hutchinson upon some military matters turned to me, which I was able to answer, & with a smile of confidence, as you are an old Secretary at war. I can understand you, as well as the General will. No one has ever been more kind to me in his address, quick reflection. The circumstances after a

length of time, & mode, I introduced, was as grateful, an acknowledgment of an introduction, as could possibly be—when Lord Hutchinson taking his leave, I began to go along with him. The Prince stopped, saying that after having so long wished to see me, he could not

possibly put with me so soon, he was about leaving me, but when I remained, gave me a talk with him for about two hours, when I found him to be a man of excellent & much information. Instead of the greatest flow of the very best language just as writing is written, as to talk—you may readily believe that during the two hours there was not a moment of silence he was so anxious to learn a good deal about Ireland, I was just as anxious to give him the intelligence he wanted. After the while, he not only made the strongest impression upon my mind in favour of his conduct, but also in favour of his character, his portrait,
He detained me till past three o'clock; upon my getting up to take my leave - he said he believed my brother Tom would dine with that there were only three other friends of his, so that we should be a very sorry party; he then asked me if I had seen Richmond lately or if he knew of my coming to him (the Prince) this day - I told him that I had not seen my brother & that he did not one syllable of my coming to Easter House - then said the Prince don’t tell them a word about your doing with, I should like to surprise them - Now my dearest love, the moment I heard master Richard was to dine there I felt that it would be a great triumph to me, over his unfeeling neglect, yet that there would be something very unpleasant in my meeting him for the first time since my arrival in London as I was too angry with him not receive him with any sort of cordial, but at the same time I did not wish to expose him by letting that coldness appear on to let the Prince know that it was the first time I had seen him since I came to town - a thought immediately struck me - I told the Prince that coming on so he the better I would pretend not to know him - in which case as the candle was a not let before dinner there would be so little light in the room - he certainly would not know me, not having the smallest expectation of meeting me there - Dick according to
custom was the last person who came but before he entered the room the Prince communicated the scheme to the other gentlemen—when Dick came into the room I took care to keep my back towards him & Tom— as to Charles neither Dick nor Tom knew him — as there was very little light in the room, Master Dick after paying his respects to the Prince, speaking to the other gentleman with whom he was acquainted—began to stare at Charles—one as at two persons perfectly strangers to him & with a look of wonder as if at once finding at one of the Prince’s most private & friendly dinner parties, two men he had never seen in his life before. The Prince then burst out into a volley as did the other gentlemen without speaking a word. This wonderfully increased Dick’s astonishment— he made so ludicrous an appearance that it was with the utmost difficulty I avoided laughing also, which would have immediately betrayed me to Dick. The Prince then called out to the other gentlemen—I have taken them all in—I have been these ten years desiring him to bring his brother to see one without success—now I have the pleasure of being acquainted with his brother—without this assistance—upon this Sturmd round shut upon Master Richmond—never died human being took so
surprised & at the same time so confused - the
tough at the same time was received with increased
violence: in the midst of the noise the suddenness
of our meeting was witnessed by no body - Doro-
thrown took me aside to make me a thousand. slugh
apologies not with mentioning, for not having them
to see me...I have been announced several times the
trouble of telling him. I did not believe one word he
said - I felt not at ease him at either of being
in tolerable spirits, he believe greatly of himself - I took the lead of him in the conversation at that
time, it the whole time where we remained at table
we had only talked of the Prince...I could not form
well it is I think one of the pleasantest companions
I ever met with - I had the good luck to sit him
in a room of laughter & as well as the rest of the company.
several times, & it was new...Master Redmond was
kept in the dark ground rather by the trickiness of
the company - in the course of the evening I became
as well acquainted with Master the Prince
as if I had known him these twenty years &
he treated me as if he had known me an age.
In short, I had the good luck to please him of the
rest of gentlemen who were strangers to me.
All desired to have the honour of cultivating my acquaintance,
I took them up & slept - the Prince was so particularly
obliging & attentive to me, & frequently applauded so
much what I said, he so often repeated how
happy he was at having at length obtained the
pleasure of my acquaintance, if this desire of
wish...that he should see me very often. He
it was impossible to comprehend. I could have had
a more compelling evidence even Master Redmond
for his unfailing regard. Now this day produced
to me - so much so, that the Colonel was very
angry with me & the time that we company
bottes up, that he almost pitied me.

Our visitor, my heart, love your letter written yesterday
21st, is brought to me as the Post does not
leave Weymouth. I was Saturday in London, & announced
that told yesterday - the receipt of this letter obliges me
to write immediately to Dublin - There
scarcely time to open the Post - nor a moment
to spend in answering letters, as unfortunately his letter had
been very long delayed in coming me being directed on
8th April, 18xx, the 26th. So I have only time to add
because help you, my heart, love, & all our loving folks
your ever most affectionate C.J.R.
Original letter from Charles James Sheridan to his wife describing his first interview with George the Fourth, then Prince of Wales. 

The rest of his letters are chiefly political addresses to the late Duke of Portland. 

The letters of Thomas Henry Sheridan are all from Persia, where he held diplomatic station.
1 April 1804

I received my dearest Selina’s letter of Tuesday last as I hope you have mine write the next day. I suppose Tommy has paid you his promised visit. I was much scattered to hear of poor Mrs. Washington’s illness which must have alarmed you in such a place as you now are in. I hope & trust she is now perfectly recovered as you assure me the danger had blown over which God lead to be true in the outset.

I agree in opinion with you my dearest love, I am more decided in the opinion than you appear to be that I may lay the foundation of much future good by this trip to London — for long as I have known it well as I thought I knew Bursley I find I had still to learn the full extent of his worst of those feelings that can constitute him even a friend much less a brother. I never was before convinced that no sort of reliance whatever can be placed upon him, if that all I had sacrificed in the other time would with his hearty good will have remained for ever unrewarded; unnoticed, if it in the slightest degree depended upon him. That it would
be acknowledged — therefore most prodigiously miscalculated, when I imagined as perhaps I once did imagine, that my having a brother on the spot would in some degree do away the misfortune of my absence from London, & that his constant presence & as constant involuntary views with those who in future will be all powerful, would be a sort of substitute for my own presence, & remedy or obviate the mischief to my interests, which my constant absence might otherwise involve. It is a point of no small importance that I have disavowed my errors in time, it is of still greater that I have had an opportunity of establishing my claims on my own account totally independently of him, that those claims have been allowed in the quarter where I most wished to have them allowed, & have every reason to be assured will be considered, whether it Brandon were to continue in existence or not.

You ask me, my love, whether I wished Charles's department, or thought it in his favour, if the P. approved or overlooked him — if you add many judicious observations which I did not fail to read very attentively to Charles — to confess the truth, this department amounted exactly what I could have wished the pretty much what I must have expected from a boy just come from school, wholly unused to find himself in the situation in which he was then placed too much accustomed to give way to his feelings; his laugh was of must be owned much too loud of his gesticulations by much too unrestrained — but this as this loud laugh was produced by the excellent manner in which the Prince told a story, & these too powerful gesticulations were evidently the effects of an overexcitement — appreciation in an unpublished lady.

He did not appear to me that he thought the worse of him for it, particularly & kept him in order by giving him a disappointment every now & then,

I must now turn to the full as vigorous in his laughing as Charles, behaved much worse apparently in falling fast asleep for the last hour, the P. remained with us — so that at least U. Brandon had no reason to triumph in the respective behaviour of our two sons.

I shall write to you for another much longer letter on Thursday on which I shall detail many particulars which got a poach from still remove, for that day so that I can fill this sheet from one end of it to the other, I had also got one for this day, but by mistake had both pages devoted to Worcester fearing therefore some delay in your receiving this. Have made no use of this time.
Dear Madam,

I am writing to express my gratitude for the kind assistance you have been so generous to your children, and I am particularly grateful for the help you provided to your son, Mr. C. H. C. I am pleased to inform you that he is now back in good health and will be returning to London shortly.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing him again.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

P.S. I have not yet received the letters that you mentioned. Please send them as soon as possible.

[Signature]