Leghorn 24 February 1830

My Lord

I hope your Lordship received my letters of the 12 and 19 instant - It will give me much pleasure to learn that the Tapioca and Wine sent from Fisher were found of good quality - If not I warned him that they would be left for his account.

Enclosed I hand your Lordship a letter received this day from Colonel Steriron who is now in Malta. In consequence of some unfavourable change in his circumstances he went there hoping to be appointed professor or teacher of the English Language in the University of Malta – My friend and late partner Mr John Rowlett of that Island introduced him to Lord Ponson the Governor who received him kindly and evinced a disposition to be useful to him – Colonal Steriron felt arsund of success if he could have a recommendation to Lord Porsonby from Lord Lyndoch now at Pisa - I was happy to learn from his Lordship, whose banker I am, when he did me the honor of calling yesterday that Colonel Count Riverdale had applied to him on behalf of Stevenson and referred him to me for his character and qualifications.

According to my experience of Stevenson I gave a most favourable representation of him to his Lordship, but I undertook to get from you Lordship information that he could rely with more certainly. Lord Lyndoch said that he was personally acquainted with you and that it would save time of you [1] if you would write him direct to Pisa - I will therefore be extremely obliged to your Lordship if you will have the goodness to write a letter to Lord Lyndoch by return of post addressing it Casa Pettini Pisa" – I hope your letter will be production of great benefit to Stevenson.

I will be much obliged to your lordship for a fine letter at your convenience and pray mention how the tapioca and wine have been found.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship.
most obedient
humble Servant
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