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Lord Cochrane to Mr. Jackson

22nd Oct. 1831

I have now done all that is possible with the ministers. having seen Lord Grey yesterday, without being able to prevail on him to look further into the matter of accusation brought against me from the Admiralty, or even to allow me a copy of those documents.

I propose now to go to the King and present a Memorial in person, briefly setting forth the treatment I have received together with an enumeration of my services afloat; requesting his Majesty to do me justice, as I can obtain it from no other quarter.

Lord Grey told me that Croker is the man who laid before the Board of Admiralty, the private and confidential communications accusatory of my conduct in Chile. The King hates Croker, and I have no doubt will feel inclined to soft his accusations to the bottom.

Lord Cochrane to Mr Jackson

Hanover Lodge Dec. 17. 1831.

Lady Dundonald has seen Lord Grey and he has expressed his readiness to do all he can. I understand there is something in the way and believe it to be a revengeful declaration of Mr Butt that he was present when De Berengen was at the exchange on the evening of Feb 17.1804.

[1] If you have seen Butts letter declaring that he never saw De Beringer at the Exchange, it would be highly important to have it intown, for Burdett assures me that he will bring the whole affair before parliament if they do not do me justice.

Lord Cochrane to Mr Jackson

Brighton. Nov 27. 1831

I wrote last night to Lt Herbert Taylor requesting an audience of the King, expecting that it would be granted on Monday or Tuesday, but to my surprise, I received a note this morning (Sunday) saying that His Majesty would receive me at 3 o'clock. I punctually attended and had a most gracious reception by His Majesty, who listened with attention to all I said which or subsequent reflection I am satisfied was to the purpose.

I cannot of course anticipate the result which does not depend on the King, but or Lord Grey and his coadjutors in the Council.

If this attempt fails there is nothing left but to explain obscure matters, and amplify the subjects alluded to in the memorial, which will not redound much to the honor of some hollow friends and many enemies.