Whatton, 27 March 1832.

My dear Lord,

I cannot express the joy I felt on the receipt of the good news contained in your Lordships Letter of the 4th Instant. I have since looked anxiously for the Announcement in the Gazette, and am somewhat disappointed at not finding it: but when I think of the outcry which the Tories would raise at your restoration (those hypocrites always affecting to believe that your Conviction was just) and the handle they would endeavour to make of it against the present Administration, to the hindrance of Reform, I can readily conceive that neither the King nor his Ministers dare fulfil their promise to the Countess, until after the Reform Bill is safe. I rejoice to learn that the Bill has again passed the House of Commons, and I trust that the other House will now swallow it quietly, or if not, I hope that Lord Grey will have the energy to crain it down their throats. I feel confident [1] that one of the first things which will take place after the Bill has become Law, will be your Lordships Restoration. Lady Dundonalds' exertions entitle her to the highest praise. I agree with your Lordship that not one of the Ministers has had the justice to read the "Review", but it is probable that your Restoration will renew the interest which was once much felt in the question of guilt or innocence and I flatter myself that the Review and the Exposure of De Berenger, will then be of great service in completing the triumph of your Lordships character.

All the Letters and Papers I had here, which were at all applicable to the Suit with May & Lukin, I have sent to Mr Metcalfe. I have also informed him that I have scrupulously compared the handwriting and am quite satisfied that all the Letters were written by May's own hand.

I wrote to Sir Frances Burdett more than a month ago with all the information I could collect in answer to the inquiry which he had made through your Lordship. I could not prove by direct evidence that Cobbett received [2] Sir Francis's Letter but I hope I have proved it circumstantially to Sir Francis's satisfaction. I cannot say that I have much pleasure in writing to Sir Francis Burdett. I have had occasion to write to him in the course of my life, I think as many as three times, once on business of Your Lordships, and twice on the subject of his late inquiry but I do not recollect that I ever had the honor of a line in return.

Most sincerely I echo the wish so kindly expressed by your Lordship, that we may have the pleasure of meeting again soon under happier Circumstances, being ever

My dear Lord
With the highest esteem
Your Lordships most attached servant
William Jackson