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Palemon

January 1883

After such a fair City was given to the Parks under Carl D. Ferguson

The late Rev'd Doc't Francis Randolph, had never been in the habit, according to the belief of Mr Randolph and his most intimate friends, of keeping any regular account of his receipts & payments, - but had kept a very ^{particular} ~~regular~~ Diary of events, in which many, but few, sum total, of those Money transaction, which were out of usual course, were inserted. - Recently the whole of these, as she thought he had been collected together, and whilst at my home at Hare Green they were carefully examined by her, and in her judgment she thought it best, after returning very few parts, to destroy the rest. Not knowing in whose hands they might fall, at her decease, - She had, ^{now in my possession} ~~now in my possession~~, ^{the whole book in my possession} ~~the whole book in my possession~~ Carefully ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ turned over every page, with intent to destroy her mind on the subject of a payment to Sir Allan Parker, of £150 which he had lent him ^{the sum} ~~in the year~~ ^{but which had fallen upon} 1812, in the hopes of finding some trace of such payment, ~~which~~ ^{any amount} ~~not having been found among the papers relating~~ to the transaction - ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{so far as} ~~so far as~~ to evidence the absence of that with which this loan was originally ~~connected~~ connected - and having satisfied herself that there was no evidence of it ~~in these~~ ^{in her possession} ~~deaths~~ - and at the same time understanding that Sir Allan altho' remonstrating the want of circumstances attending it - had no recollection of the repayment, whereupon Doc't. Randolph had at no long period before his decease expressed an infest belief that it had ^{many years} ~~long~~ ^{been} ~~been~~ discharged, - She determined out of ^{sums} ~~this~~ ^{mean} she had at her command, to direct a Bill for that amount to be emitted, - and for which a letter acknowledging its receipt was retained. Some After her M'r Randolph removed to Bath, ^{I am told also from his son} he unpacked a large Trunk containing - the Doc't. Manuscript Sermons and other Papers of like kind - and in that trunk discovered a sheet of paper - written during part of a residence in London - with date of Augt. 1791, but without reference to the year, of which the following are extracts -

Feb 3rd " left Bristol. 3. Jan⁷ - went to Farnborough the
4th - went to Bath & n

5. Tuesday - called on Peter - he was at Bradford.

Wednesday 7th - Went to the Express - sent Park £150 ~~as a deposit on~~
Burnside (Burnside were the concerned with of Clermont & Regent
the Dow! Bankers in Bath) - cancelled pecuniary obligations
with him -

The many friends especially

Thursday 8th - still in Bath

Friday 9th set off on 8 o'clock - 1pm on Reading &

Sat. 10 - went through the Forest &

Sunday 11th - met my Farnborough & preached to them -

The Deary friends especially - To

Tuesday 13. Jan⁷ - " went to Cluny Build! meeting here
keynes with Chair - Bowdler them - talked with Pastoral Committee

Jan 14. 15. 16. Cold & h

Feb. 1 - Preached his doctrine to some &

Mon 2 - wrote & of him &

Wednesday 3 - Cold bad - but went out with Gray onto the City on
May - called that my name down at Royal Institution

Gray friends especially to

Mon. 9 - Cold bad - but walked to paid my subscription -

Royal Institution -

and in the same manner the Deary friends to

Thursday 19 - but day divine with many to Temple paid the
rent of Barnwell £28.4.0 - &

By reference to the Books of the Royal Institution, it was found that
the Payment of admission fee, & year subscription, was paid on Feb. 1818.
— Many years subsequent to the last, having been forwarded to Banwell,
and the discrepancy of this entry, with the sum now on the 1st of January
1818, created a difficulty which required further investigation.

— ~~as a case~~ ^{some time after} appearance was therefore made to the Dean & Chapter of Bristol —
^{Dean &} ~~in whom~~ ^{of the} Recd of the Chapter of Bristol — in whom ~~is~~ Banwell
is — where this ~~difficulty~~ ^{difficulty} was fully explained —

In Jan 1817 — Dr. Remond having been invited to be & accepted
of Paul's Corn Garden — he kindly visited Banwell — and on his
Presentation by the Dean & Chapter took leave which called for
a subscription of the sum paid on Feb. 1818 — and the ~~etc~~ difficulty
~~which~~ ^{at first} ~~had~~ appeared

~~I return to letters from this date~~

These facts of a state in the Diary being thus established, it would seem
to confirm all the other parts of it: and that all the form the distance
of fourteen years — the circumstances had been nearly obliterated from the
recollection of both parties — ^{showing} ^{this day} the probability is, that the payment to S.
Whitlock was ^{then} ~~accidentally~~ made — as it appears on Feb. 1818.

W. Justin for Allan Parry

My Lord

I feel myself now much less at ease in addressing
you on the subject of the Affairs of the Widow Secretary of our late Friend
the Rev. Dr. Francis Randolph - than I did when I vented to you
last ^{Aug} in the fall of the last year the sum of One Hundred Pounds
under the Idea both of your Lordships' Traject that such a sum left to
~~so long ago~~ ⁱⁿ back in the year 1799 had not been money
spent. - For I have now to state further that a very strong probability
exists ^{concerning} that this Monday advenued to him was finally discharged in 1818 -
altho neither the Doctor or yourself had any distinct recollection ~~of it~~.

With this introduction I beg to lay before you an affidavit on this subject
for your Lordships' Consideration - than which no one can be more com-
petent to form a correct opinion - and certainly no one ^{more} ~~more~~
can upon with more ^{impartial} confidence on the propriety of your
decision.

To ascertain the certainty of their safe delivery - I have by Mr. Randolph
recently enquired of my Son Dr. Richard Parry, who is most undoubt-
edly your son's confidante at his election - former Secy. State some
as his Brother or Physician to Sir J. Hospital -

He will humbly desire this time & the detail - and will wait upon
you with the documents on which it is founded when ever you may
find it convenient to appear him -

I have the honor to subscribe myself
Your Lordships' Obedient Servt.

I much have addresed you
many weeks since my last
had not been taken ill in the
middle of November since I have
had as been called off from this by other engagts of business

R. Parry