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4, Sydney Street, Brompton, London, S.W.

April 7th 1812

My dear Sir,

I have been long intending to write to you, and in fact I was in hopes during the Autumn get over for a short visit to Torquay and to reach Val Riches; but but a good deal of unexpected affairs fell out towards the latter part of last year to occupy me much here, and since the beginning of this year I have been suffering from severe illness, from which I am only now just recovering.

I am putting in my claim for one of the literary pensions which are here granted rather sparingly from the crown, but it is a desirable thing to have a certain income without being obliged to work for it, after having worked hard for literature all one's life. I am very well supported in my application, and have every hope of success. But Sir Brainerd Lytton, with whom among other friends I have consulted, thinks that, as my claim rests upon what I have done in the cause of historical research, a recommendation from you would have great effect, and I therefore venture to trouble you for your kindness. My claim will be sent in a Memorial addressed to Lord Palmerston, and signed with some very high names in our literature. Sir Brainerd suggests that it would be well, as it would

when he quite formal for you to sign the
testament the Memorial itself. If you
could kindly write a private Memorial—
that is, if you could write a note addressed
to Lord Palmerston, simply stating that you
have learnt that I am seeking one of
the Queen's literary pensions, that you
have known me many years and are
well aware of my constant labours in
Literature and especially in historical Research,
that you think I have done services
to the history of the Middle Ages both
English and French, that for this reason
I was elected a corresponding member
to the Institute of France, and that you
consider me deserving of the distinction of a
pension. If you have no objection to
do this, and will kindly send your letter
to me, I will put it into the hands
of the person who will present my memorial
(I believe when he goes to Lord Russell
or the Earl of Derby, or Roper), that he may
present your letter at the same time.

Mr. Cosmo Innes, professor of Scottish
History in the University of Edinburgh, was and
is a gentleman of high position at the Scottish
bar, has asked me to give him a note
of introduction to you, as he has been in his

way to Paris, and is desirous of making
some communications to you. I can recommend
him as a gentleman of whom is greatly
respected both for his talents and character
in Scotland and England, and I have sent
him a note as he writes to Paris, whether
I believe he is already gone. He is a
particular friend of Monsieur Toullet of the
Archives in Paris.

I have at last got together the
numbers of the History of England to
complete your set, and will take the
first opportunity of sending them—or perhaps,
and I hope, of bringing them.

I remain, my dear Sir, with very sincere
respect and regard,

Yours very faithfully,

Thomas Wright

Monsieur

Monsieur Guizot,

Membre de l'Institut, &c. &c.