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TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

MADAM,

I know not how sufficiently to thank your Royal Highness for allowing me to dedicate my little book to you. It is another, added to the many kindnesses I have already received from you, and I am grateful from the bottom of my heart.

Your Royal Highness cannot be more surprised than I am myself at seeing my Journal in print!

You know how, and when it was written,—that it was written from day to day, often under difficulties, as a record to myself of a very happy time, and which members of my family might perhaps like to see; but, most assuredly, with no view to publication. In fact, till last Saturday, when I returned home from Sweden, I had not the slightest idea of its being printed. I had left it with my brother-in-law, General Grey, when I went abroad last July, asking him

merely to correct some of my Swedish mistakes of grammar, in case I should wish to copy it out more fairly for my family, but it never entered my head that he would do more than this. Your Royal Highness will not therefore wonder at my being surprised, when the first thing given to me, on my arrival at St. James's Palace, was a parcel carefully scaled up, with a letter, of which I copy an extract, as the best explanation of the way in which my Journal has come to be printed.

"You will be surprised," the General writes, "on your return home to see the shape your journal has taken—that it is actually in print! Yes, without consulting a living soul, or even waiting for your own consent, I have taken it upon myself to have it printed.

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"I hope you won't be vexed. You will see in the Title Page that it is only 'Privately Printed'—not even for what is called 'Private Circulation'—in fact, there are as yet only three copies: one for yourself, one which I thought you might like to give the Princess, and a third which I hope you will allow me to keep. No one has the least suspicion of what

I have done ; nor have I myself seen the little volume since it was put together. It rests, therefore, entirely with you to decide whether it shall go further. I cannot myself see why you should not publish it almost just as it is. I was myself extremely interested by your accounts of all you saw and did in the East, particularly by the description of your visits to the harems of the Sultan and Viceroy, and others, and of your memorable dinner with 'La Grande Princesse' at Cairo, and I cannot doubt that others would be equally so. On this, however, you may like to have a less partial opinion than mine.

"As to the Journal itself, you will see how scrupulously I have adhered to your own expressions. I have sometimes had to alter the arrangement of a sentence, and to correct little mistakes in small words ; but further than this I have made no change whatever—neither adding to nor altering, in any way, what you had yourself written.

"Forgive me, then, if I have done what you would not have consented to had you been asked beforehand.

"I thought this probable, and so did *not* ask you.

"&c. &c. &c.

"*Windsor Castle, November 25, 1869.*"



The General has since been very urgent with me to publish! And—to make a long story short—I have been, what many people will think, weak enough to agree to his wish! Of course, I am nervous about it; but I am somewhat encouraged by your Royal Highness's kind permission to dedicate it to you. In fact it can have no interest, except in so far as it is connected with your Royal Highnesses.

I know well, dear Princess, how indulgent your Royal Highness and the Prince of Wales will be to it; and I do hope that it may at least serve to recall to you and the Prince the recollection of many pleasant scenes and events, and of what was to me, owing entirely to both your 'Royal Highnesses' invariable kindness to me, a most happy time.

I remain

Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted and affectionately  
attached Servant,

THERESA GREY.

*Marlborough House, December 4, 1869.*

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