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Illmo Exmo Sr.
e Cap. Snr

O Capitalista John Maberly, con-
tractador do emprestimo da Regencia
de Portugal, veio a dias communica-
me, que havendo lido em uma das ga-
zetas desta Capital certo artigo ou antes
libello sobre maneira injurioso ao seu
caracter, em referencia ao mencionado
emprestimo, e passando ás convenientes
indagações, soubera que o autor de se-
melhante libello era Roberto Crowgey,
guarda livros desta Legação, contra o
qual, por consequencia, elle seria obri-
gado a reclamar todo o rigor das leis
inglezas. Na minha delicada
situação, entendi dever responder, como
respondi a Mr. Maberly, entre as cousas
que a civilidade exigia, que longe de

oppor-me ao processo intentado, muito
pelo contrario eu mesmo o promoveria,
a ser isso necessario, e elle retirou-se sa=
tisfeito. Chamei então Roberto Crowgey,
e disse-lhe o que acabava de ouvir. Elle
protestou que nenhuma parte tivera
na publicação de semelhante libello, e
que cedo provaria a falsidade com que
o arguiam. Com effeito alguns tem=
pos depois apresentou-me o dito Crowgey
a correspondencia havida entre elle,
o verdadeiro autor do libello, e Mr. Maber=
ly, e por uma notavel singularidade,
que não posso deixar de recommendar á
attenção de V.Ex.a, pensam agora os Letra=
dos, que elle Crowgey é quem tem direito
a queixar-se contra Mr. Maberly, por ha=

-vel o injustamente accusado. A nada
disso me opponho, e nada aconselho,
para não desviar-me da linha de con-
ducta que hei seguido até hoje, em ordem
a manter illesa a dignidade do Governo
Imperial. A correspondencia a
que me refiro, Ex.ª achal-a-ha nas
copias inclusas.

Deos guarde a Ex.ª Londres em 20
de abril de 1831.

Ill.mo e Ex.mo Snr. Francisco Carneiro de Campos

Eustaquio Adolfo de Mello Mattos

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=Mr. Barnard= Sir, Since you called last Evening, I have seen the Paragraph in the Age, and a grosser falsehood and misapprehension I never read, nor a more mischievous Libel, I therefore insist that my Name may not be mixed up with it, in any way whatever. I have a Witness, that I desired you not to publish any thing respecting Donna Maria, and Dn Miguel, as their Affairs were very complicated, and that you were ignorant on the Subject, therefore advised you not to meddle with what you did not understand - I am consequently extremely surprized and hurt at the appearance of such a false and libellous Article = Wednesday morning (16th March 1831)

Yours &c ..... =Robert Crowgey=

No. 7. Wellington Street, Thursday Evening (17th March 1831)

Dear Sir, Mr. Westmacott (Editor of the Age) and myself are adopting every means to counteract the effect of that unfortunate Paragraph - On Monday a second Edition of the Age was printed, in which it was cancelled, and a contradiction inserted, which you may see by calling at the Office. Mr. Mahony left Town for Abingdon Yesterday, or perhaps it then would have been settled - As it is, he has no hostile feelings to the Paper - no proceedings have been taken, and we expect from what his Solicitor has stated, that an Apology will satisfy him; as this will devolve on me your name you may rest assured will be kept a

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Secret: I shall prove to you better than by any professions, how truly I estimate the imprudence and impropriety of my Conduct by the ardour with which I make this atonement an attention to your Interests. Yours &c = W. Baile Bernard =

29th March 1831. Mr. Barnard, Sir, Mr. Maberly called at Wimpole Street Yesterday, and accused me of being the Author of the Libel on him which you published in the Age about 3 weeks ago: and asserted that the Proprietors of that Paper had informed him or his attorney so, and had shewn a Letter or Paper in my handwriting and with my Name. You have only one Letter from me on the subject & I have your answer now before me. I need not remind you of its contents -

I then denied, as I do now, and ever shall deny all Knowledge or participation in such a false, absurd and ridiculous charge as you brought forward against Mr. Maberly - if any other Letter has been shewn it must be a forgery!

Waiting your answer in order to decide on the Steps I shall take - and the business being urgent I must request you will not delay replying unequivocally. Yours &c = Robt Sowgey =

P.S. It must be a written Answer, as until this matter is cleared up, I decline all personal communication with you.

Mr. Crowley - 7. Wellington Street, Leamington Town, 29th March 1831. Sir, In reply to your note of this morning I beg most distinctly to reiterate your own words, that if any Letter has been shewn Mr. Moberly or his Attorney, containing the paragraph in question, and bearing your Signature, it is a forgery! and one of which I have no knowledge whatever

The only Letter you have addressed me I shewed Mr. Westmacott to prove how ignorant you were of the matter, and how entirely the error rested on my Shoulders, but this Letter has never been out of my possession and is now lying before me

I beg further to reiterate the Sentiments of a Note I addressed to you, that I know, and acknowledge I only have been to blame in this Affair - and I regret deeply the annoyances to which you have been exposed. I remain, Yours &c = W. Baile Bernard =

Victoria Cottage 30th. March 1831. Mr. Bernard, Sir

I received your note of Yesterday morning, and am sorry to say it is all but satisfactory - what I complain of is, that you ever mentioned my name at all to Mr. Westmacott, having had no Authority from me to do so - besides if I had any thing to do with the Article, or it had been written at my request or by my suggestion, certainly I ought to have been consulted, and made acquainted with its Contents previous to its being published - and I am quite certain, if I

had so seen it, it never would have been published.

Now therefore, I ask you three plain Questions, to which I require as many plain answers - viz

1st. Did I ever authorize you to mention my name to Mr. Westmacott?

2nd. Did you ever mention to me, or shew me the contents of the Article, previous to its publication?

3rd. Have you ever given Mr. Westmacott to understand, that I wished or approved of its publication?

Recollect you have done me a serious injury, and you should have gone personally to Mr. Maberly and exonerated me - Yours &c = Rob Crowgey =

Mr Crowgey. Wednesday morning - Sir, You request me in your note of this morning to give you three plain answers to three plain Questions - they are as follows - You say

1st. Did I ever authorize you to mention my Name to Mr. Westmacott? I say - no.

2nd. Did you ever mention to me, or shew me the contents of the Article, previous to Publication? I say no.

3rd. Have you ever given Mr Westmacott to understand that I wished or approved of its publication?

I say, Decidedly not.

Mr. Westmacott was ignorant of the whole Affair, and as innocent as yourself.

I remain your erring, but misrepresented Servant.

- W. Baie Bernard. =

Victoria Cottage 4th April 1831. Mr Bernard - Sir - Once more am I obliged to take up my Pen to address you on the dilemma which you have brought me into by your unjustifiable conduct - the report has already reached Paris, and it will be transmitted to Brooks, that I am the Author of the obnoxious libel. I must therefore request you will inform me if you have any communication from Mr. Maberly, as I am about to write that Gentleman again on the Subject; and it is very essential likewise that I should know what actually passed between Mr. Westmacott, and Mr. Maberly's Attorney. Yours &c = Robt Crowgey =

Mr Crowgey - Thursday 7th April 1831. Sir - I have seen Mr. Westmacott, and he has desired me to inform you, that he never mentioned your Name to Mr. Maberly's Solicitor, nor alluded to you. That my Name only was given up, and a Note from me to Mr. Westmacot, and in which your name was not mentioned, but 'my friend'. As this Note was a most full and sufficient acknowledgement from me that I had done wrong and I only, that Note was no authority to Mr. Maberly to call in you, and that note you have a right to demand a sight of - I have not a Copy of it by me.

= P.S. The Apology I addressed to Mr. Maberly, I left at his House in John Street, Berkeley Square, I have had no reply to it, and am therefore in hopes, it has proved satisfactory - I am, Sir Yours &c = W. B. Bernard =

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John Maberly Esqr. M.P. 7 Wellington Street
Camden Town 2nd April 1831. Sir - Tho' needing
the preliminary of an introduction, I address you
without embarrassment or reluctance, since I feel
assured you will agree with me in sentiment, that
Duty should at all times set aside Etiquette.

Mr. Westmacot having properly given an imme-
=diate publick contradiction to a statement respecting
your connection with the Portuguese Loan, which ap-
=peared in the Age two or three Sundays since.
I, its Author as immediately requested him to in-
=form you, that I was ready to offer you a personal
Apology for writing that, which was the effect of my
total ignorance of your Character, and the subject
with which I was foolish enough to meddle

Not having heard from Mr. Westmacott or you,
I am bound to consider you are satisfied with
what that Gentleman has done, but as I feel that
in not making some inquiry before I wrote that
Paragraph, I have offered you a gross insult, I
cannot rest satisfied tile I have conveyed to
you the expression of my deep regret at the occurrence,
and my trust that its impression will be as transi-
=tory on your Mind, as I am convinced its effect
has been harmless to your Character. I remain
Sir, Your obedient humble Servant. = W Basil Barnard =

No answer returned

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Victoria Cottage, Park Village. 29th March 1831.

Sir, Having learnt with much surprize, that you accuse me of being the Author of a most infamous Article, which appeared in the Age Newspaper a fort-night or 3 Weeks ago, and feeling extremely morti-fied, that you should for a moment suppose me capable of inventing such a gross, libellous, absurd and stupid fabrication, I lose no time in denying the having written or published, or caused to be written or published the Article in question; therefore in vindication of my character, thus so foully aspersed, I shall feel under the greatest obligation to yow, to acquaint me with the name of the Person, who has dared to put such an unjust Stigma on me - that I may take immediat Steps to prosecute my Calumniator

I remain Sir, Your obedient Servant = Rob Crowgey =

John Maberly Esq

No answer -

Martha Willingham of the Parish of St. Mary-le-bone, in the County of Middlesex, Spinster, do solemnly declare, that about a Month or five Weeks ago, being then on a Visit at Victoria Cottage, the residence of Robert Crowgey Esqr. she heard a Mr Barnard say, that he was engaged as a Writer for the Age Sunday Newspaper, and proposed writing an Article for that Paper, respecting Donna Maria, the Queen of Portugal

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and asked Mr. Crowgey if he could furnish him with any particulars relating thereto. That Mr. Crowgey immediately replied, that it was a complicated Question, and advised Mr Barnard not to have any thing to say about it, nor meddle with things he did not understand.

That on Tuesday fortnight last, towards the evening, Mr. Barnard again called on Mr. Crowgey, and informed him, that an Article had been inserted in the Age, which had been considered a Libel on Mr Ma. berly, who had threatened to prosecute the Proprietors of the Paper; That Mr. Crowgey was exceedingly irritated, and very angry with Mr. Barnard, and after upbraiding him for interfering in things he knew nothing about, retired to his Bed-room. That Mr. Barnard on leaving the House declared that he only was to blame, and that he should take the whole odium on himself

That Mr. Crowgey immediately after sent for the Age Newspaper of the preceding Sunday, and on reading the Article alluded to by Mr. Barnard, declared it to be a string of Lies, from beginning to end, and a most mischievous Libel. London the 29th March 1831.

— Martha Willingham —

Mr. Freshfield (Attorney-at-Law) having perused the whole of the correspondence, and heard my explanations, was of opinion, that Mr. Barnard's Letter to Mr. Maberly and correspondence with me, afforded complete proof not only of my not having been the Author of the paragraphs, but of my having had no knowledge or participation whatever in writing or publishing the Same; consequently that Mr. Maberly had no cause of Action against me.

That no Action would lie against Mr. Maberly for charging me with being the Author of the Libel, because the Law attaches so little Value to such a Libel, that I could not be considered to be injured by the charge of having written it.

That in the judgement of Mr. Freshfield a publi=
=cation in the Newspaper would be productive of mischief, because it would serve to prolong animosity and increase Ill-will, and moreover because if the Agents of the Legation were once themselves to publish Newspaper explanations, they could never afterwards object to any comments or Attacks made in the Papers upon their conduct.

And finally, that as Mr. Maberly had not proceeded with his threatened prosecution, nor re=
=peated his charges since he has been furnished with my denial, and Mr. Barnard's acknowledge=
=ment, it must be taken for granted, that he was convinced of his error - and satisfied.

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In the mean time it would be proper and necessary to put the Brazilian Government in pos-: session of the facts in order to establish my Innocence.

London 18th April 1831.

Rob.t Crowley

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Euntaquio Adolfo de Mello Mattos.