

even obnoxious in his conduct. - If you take the same view of the case and do then I think it might be suggested for the consideration of His Royal Highness whether it be yet too late to recognize these early and important services of the contractor and so repair in some degree the indignities that have been cast upon him. - The most obvious of these public indignities have been the systematic exclusion from all places in the ceremony of opening the exhibition and of all fetes given in honor of the parties connected with it. - I can easily conceive that Mr. Almond has regarded with no small degree of envy the position which has been given to Contractors not more liberal, more confiding nor more enterprising than himself who in whatever capacity than Contractors for the Building, have received from Her Majesty, His Royal Highness & the Commission a degree of honor and favorable attention which he cannot think them better entitled to than he is particularly when he reflects that his services were rendered at a time when the exhibition was unpromising and unpopular. - I see however difficulties which may lie in the way of the Prince being able to act in this matter in the manner he might most desire. - The value of Mr. Almond's early services are known to few besides the Prince himself and those whom His Royal Highness did the honor to take into his early councils. - but precisely for that reason - it is the Prince only who can right these wrongs and confer upon this most important of early promoters the honor and distinction he so well earned and had just reason to expect. - at all events I shall best right any wrongs he imagines I may have done him in having held out the ultimate due recognition of his liberality and enterprise by making this fair statement of his present most unenviable position. - I am further induced to do so because I am informed that the very marked & unkind treatment and misrepresentations of which he has been the object have preyed much upon his mind. - While upon this subject allow me to congratulate you on the active and important part you took in,