

the earliest stages of the proceedings and to thank you for your hearty and constant co-operation -- Up to this time it has been to me never failing source of gratification to reflect that of all the steps which His Royal Highness took in the first six months preliminary to the formation of the Royal Commission - when as yet only three of us were in the secret there is not one transaction not even including the (since condemned) contract which events have not proved to have been wise and prudent and absolutely essential to the glorious success which has attended the Exhibition.

I leave this matter with you to place before His Royal Highness in any way you think best in perfect confidence that whatever is best is that on which His Royal Highness will decide and that this early promoter of the great undertaking will not have power to say he was used in the hour of need and forgotten when his services could be dispensed with.

I have the honor to subscribe myself

My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Henry Toller

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