

213. Fulton St. 13th October.

Park Mansions Esq
Sir,

Mr Barry handed me a note to read from you, last night. The perusal of which has excited mingled feelings of pain & disgust. You accuse me of being the author of an attack upon Miss Clarendon, in the Herald. Most positively do I deny this. & dare you to the proof. I had private letters & information from Texas, which I was requested to deliver into Mr Bennett's own hands. This in justice to myself & not to satisfy you. I state I can produce ~~the~~ ^{the act of} letters. In fulfilling this duty, I have aroused it appears, your indignation, because in the paper of the next day a " defenceless lady," whom you happen to be attached to, is criticised. And that you should, on account of this private feeling for one lady, so far forget yourself & your honour as to betray a confidence reposed in you by another, whom you had no just grounds (save pique) to suspect of this, I must confess has excited feelings of wonder & astonishment.

So far from feeling any enmity, (& I am sure as to other sentiments any person who would see the young lady would acquit me) I gave my time, attention & my interest, while I was at the National, to her advancement - for which she did not even thank me - I was ridiculed for my pains: notwithstanding

her rude & unladylike behaviour to me. on coming to
the Park. after what I had shown myself willing to do
for her. Still I was anxious for the success of the piece.
and Endeavoured to give her some information, which might
have been of advantage to her. ^{but} which she received proudly &
as though she was doing me a favour: This proves your as-
sertion of Enmity to Mrs Clarendon, as groundless & unfoun-
ded - believe me. I have felt what it was to be defenceless my-
self. I would not attack so unfortunate a young lady - but
with due deference to you. I do not consider her defenceless
while she has a person willing to draw a band around him,
intending to crush one lady. ~~that~~ upon the ruin of whose reputa-
-tion. that of the young person might be built.

With regard to being "kissed from the stage." as your note
threatens. that is a matter requiring some time & trouble. & when
done. no satisfaction would accrue to yourself. & I think you
have business of more importance.

With ^{sentiments} ~~feelings~~ of deep regret. that you should
have so misjudged. my feelings as a woman - & compromised
yourself I remain -
Yours in haste
C. Clushman

The same

Cushings has had you
on the way
I. Cuyler's letter

J. R. Benjamin

Wm. B. Wood

