

12 West Lane
Oct. 1. 1855

My dear Palgrave Simpson,

The affairs of the Dramatic Authors Society, without being in any hopeless disorder, require the attention of each of its Members. A bill is brought in by Mr Thearman the Solicitor as due from the Society at large which must be carefully and fairly dealt with, and he holds monies due to the several Members of the Society. Under these circumstances it is necessary that every one concerned should either attend the series of Meetings which will be requisite to rearrange the method of the business and to place the proper tax upon the receipts to answer what may be due, or that a written authority shall be given to some other Member who shall attend, and who may, so far as Money is due from the Secretary, be able to represent the absent party.

Will you therefore either have the goodness to favor the Society with your attendance on Oct: 9 at the Punch Office, 35, Fleet Street, or to send your written proxy addressed to the Chairman of the Meeting, or to any one who may possess your entire confidence, and who has undertaken to you that he will attend.

I undertook to

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give you this admission,
and as you failed in
taking the Redan, and
don't manage (remorse well,
and as I don't like your
edition of Euclid, and as
Vauxhall is shut (so you
are not wanted as M.C., besides
being dead) just come and
help us to shear Shearman

Ever yours

Shirley Brooks

J.P. Sumpster

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