

Leonard Smelt to the Holdernesses
Enclosure

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My Lord

It appeared to me my Duty by every means in my power to explain to Your Lordship those wants in myself, which might in any degree lessen the perfection of a plan which in every other part was so ably executed. These wants were continually present to my imagination, they affected my health and my spirits. — the more I saw of Your Lordship, the more I saw of their Majesties, the more anxious I became. — Original respect for the stations had before, contemplated at a distance and in theory, was now increased by a knowledge of those who filled them — and to respect was added a desire to be allowed to use the terms of veneration and affection. — I could not bear to think that those who deserved the utmost efforts of the best and most able of their Subjects, should be imperfectly served in an essential department — Gratitude, affection, and the highest opinion made me likewise jealous for Your Lordship's honour, I wished You to be supported as I thought that Man deserved to be who possessed every power of the Statesman, the Patriot, the Gentleman, and the Man.

I am told by the Authority I most venerate, that I am fit to serve, the same Duty therefore that dictated my representation to Your Lordship, now dictates to me that I must continue to serve, and that paper as I am now lay'd before their Majesties and Your Lordship, a doubt on my side should never again arise, but

but that my every power should be directed to prove my zeal, my attachment
my Gratitude. —

May I beg that Your Lordships will be pleased to lay these my
sentiments at His Majesty's feet.

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordships

most obedient

humble servant

Leo: d Smelt

(signed)

Sept. 28th July 1772.