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May it please Your Majesty

with a heart firmly devoted to Your royal person and family but deeply wounded by the calamity of My Enemies I durst humbly presume to throw myself at Your Majesties feet and beg leave with the rest of My fellow Subjects to congratulate Your Majesty on Your Succession to the Thrones of these realms a duty I should not have failed personally to have paid had not the Malice of My adversary's put it out of My power.

Now I, shall I Express the grief and Anguish that filled My heart on hearing I have been reputed in such Colours to Your Majesty as deserved Your displeasure God alone knows what Crime I have been ignorantely guilty of that could deserve to receive a mark of Your Majesties Anger, but for I presume to flatter myself My known fidelity to Your Royal House particularly in the late ^{fatal} unsuccess

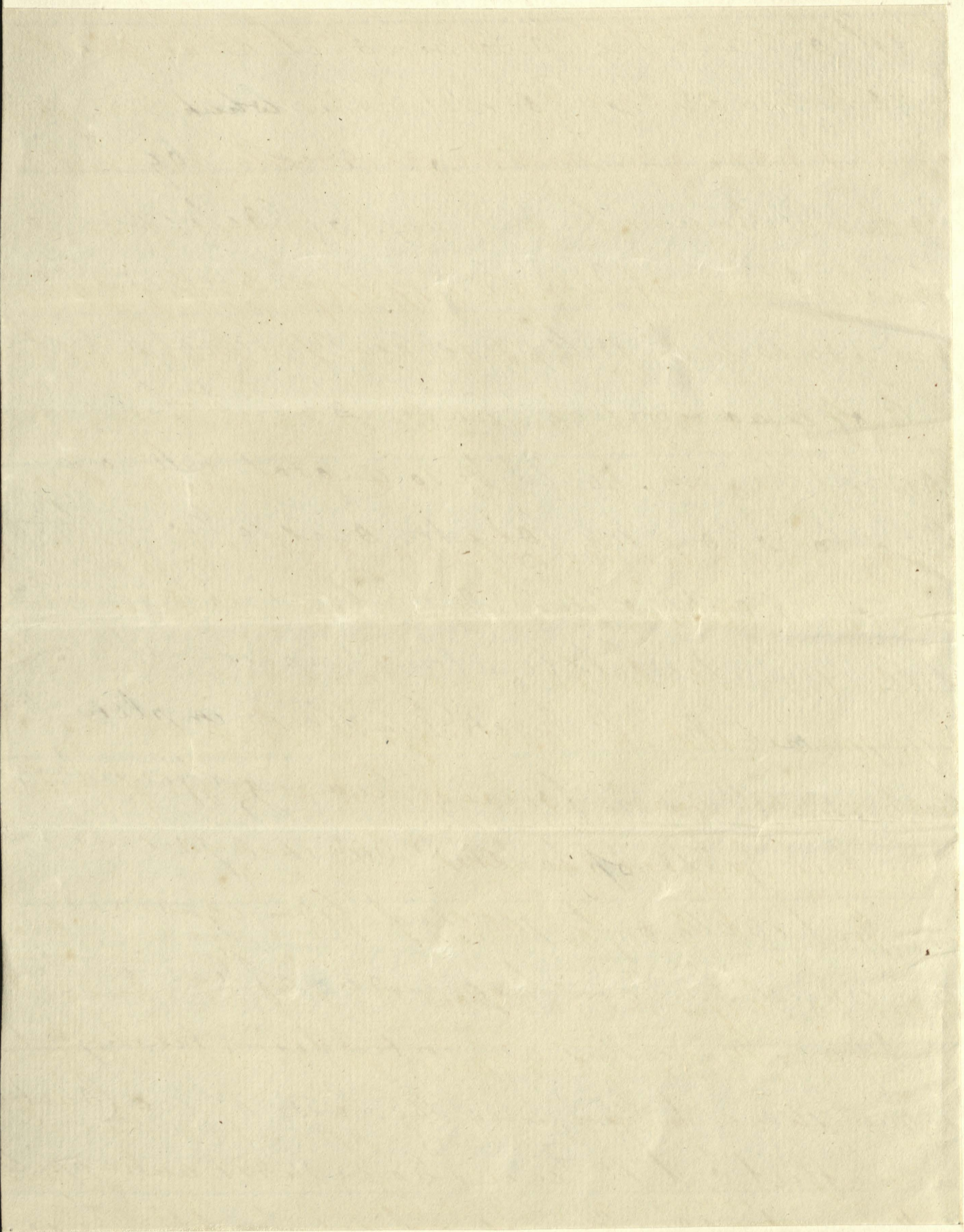
To

His Most Sacred Majesty
The Hon^{ble} Petitioner
of the Earl of Clarendon

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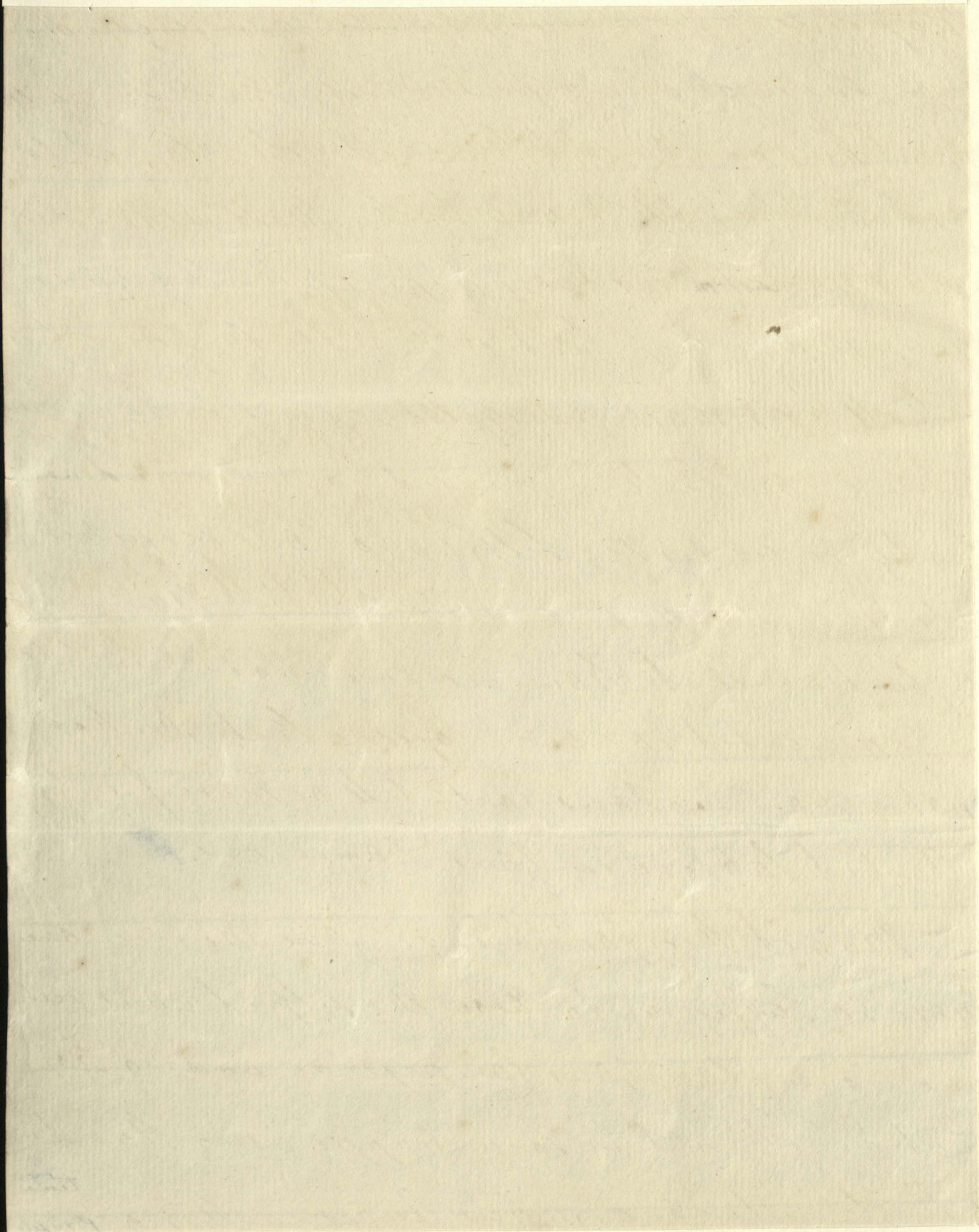
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rebellion and my long personal attachment
 to your Majesties Royal Father which I pre-
 -sume to hope are Events not forgotten by Her
 Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and to
 all the Old friends & Servants of Leicester House
 and are such as will plead in my behalf for any
 acts of inadvertency I have committed; heaven
 forbid I^r that I could be so ungrateful to a
 King to whom my Country owes so many Blessings
 or that I should offend your Majesty Even in thought,
 this indeed would be a Crime unpardonable in its
 self, permit me I^r most Humbly to implore your
 Majesties Pardon for any seeming offences which
 have been guilty of fault I^r which I presume to
 say that could only proceed from ignorance,
 and which the bare suspicion of having de-
 -served your Majesties anger tends to a much great-
 er punishment than, any the laws of my Country
 can inflict. but I^r since I have most unhappily
 fallen under your Majesties displeasure I beseech your



Majesties acceptance¹⁹ of my last unfeign'd
repentance of any offence I may have been guilty
of and hope you will be graciously pleas'd to
Order a stop to be put to the prosecution desi-
gn'd against me for I most respectfully beg your
Majesties belief that without a course of law
I shall ever most cheerfully submit to any puni-
shment you shall be pleas'd to Order and am
ready to render my self up to your Majesties
pleasure, Happy for under my misfortunes my
reflection that However I may have been false-
ly represented to your Majesty that you have
not a more Zealous faithful or more firmly
attached Subject in your Dominions.

May it therefore Please your Majesty see
more to suffer me to throw my self at your feet
and to implore your Compassion and to Hope
that I shall not be so unhappy as to stand
a single instance of your Anger in this particular
time



of Mercy to all Your²⁰ other Subjects whatever
may be my fate Your Majesty shall Ever find
my life family & fortune at Your Command
and that on all Occasions I shall endeavor
to approve myself

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May it Please your

Majesty your Majesties

Most Dutifull

Faithfull & Devoted

Subject & Servant

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