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Grafton St
27th July 1811

Sir

I venture with great humility
to lay at the feet of Your Royal Highness a
request, which I can only be encouraged to
make from the goodness of Your Royal
Highness to myself, & from the liberality of
Your Royal Highness's character, to which
the world is a witness - Having had my

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property reduced considerably below one half from the difficulties & hazards of the commercial world in the two last years, & having an income less by 5,000 £ per ann^m than belonged to me not long ago, without any immediate hope of increasing it, I am naturally extremely anxious to maintain something of the situation in society to which I have belonged —

This would be secured to me could your Royal Highness condescend to promote it by obtaining for me an office likely to be immediately vacant; I mean, that of Marshall of the admiralty Court, as Mr. Cricketh who fills it is

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supposed to be at the point of death — I did not venture to intrude upon your Royal Highness without having first asked Sir William Scott at the head of the admiralty Court, whether I could be acceptable to him, whose feelings might perhaps be consulted on such an occasion, & I know that He would be my well-wisher — The office is within the accustomed patronage of Mr. Yorke as first Lord of the admiralty, & if your Royal Highness could condescend to take up my cause on an occasion of such moment to my interests, it would indeed be serving an individual, who at

present is grateful to your Royal Highness,
& who ventures to commit to a mind of so
much generosity as that of your Royal
Highness what it would not be expedient
in every quarter to particularize & to
explain - I hope, & indeed I think
at any rate that your Royal Highness
will forgive this presumption, because
I know that your Royal Highness will
induced to make great allowances
person in my own circumstances -

with the greatest possible humility &
duty I have the honor to remain

Sir Your Royal Highness's most
devoted, & most obed^t serv^t

Robert Thornton

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