

Charles Philip Yorke to H.R.H.
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Admty. Sept. 17. 1816

Mr Yorke most humbly begs
your Royal Highness's pardon, for
presuming to trouble Y.R.H. again,
upon a subject so inconsiderable, as
that, of the Marshal of the Admiralty;
but, as Y.R.H. has been pleased to
express some interest about the disposal
of it, Mr Yorke is extremely anxious, before
any final arrangement is made, to ascertain
Y.R.H.'s present intentions with
regard to it.

When Mr Yorke had left the Honour
of paying his personal duty to your
Royal Highness, he took the opportunity
of stating such circumstances respecting
this office, as appeared necessary for
Y.R.H.'s information; & Mr Yorke then

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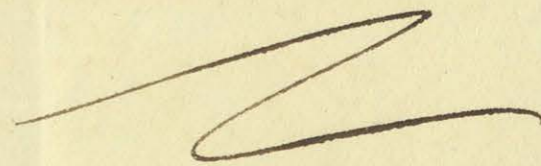
presumed to lay before G.M.H. some of
the reasons which induced him to think
that it was not a proper office to be con-
ferred upon a Gentleman of Mr Robert
Thomton's description; & that it ought
to more properly give to Mr Price;
whose pretensions to some consideration
from Government were already known to,
in some degree sanctioned, by your
Royal Highness.

Mr Yorke has now the Honor of confer-
ring G.M.H. that he has some conversed
with Mr R. Thomton on the occasion; &
explained to him the circumstances relating
to the office in question; acquainting him at
the same time with the Doubts which Mr Yorke
entertained as to the Propriety of his (Mr Thom-
ton's) appointment to it. Mr R. Thomton
certainly appeared not to enter into these
considerations as far as he was personally
concerned; & replied on the contrary, his
readiness to accept of the employment,
such as it was, if offered to him.

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Mr Yorke submits, most humbly to
your Royal Highness, that after mature
Reflection, he cannot direct himself
of the Doubts which he originally entertained
as to the Propriety of conferring the
Mastership of the Admiralty on a
Person of Mr R. Thomton's Description;
(a Gentleman of Rank; a Merchant of
Eminence; & a Member of Parliament;) nor
of his Impropriety that Mr Price
would be, on the whole, a more proper
Selection.

But Mr Yorke is at the same time
solicitous to conform in this Matter
wholly to G.M.H.'s Pleasure as to what
may be most fitting to be done; & he
has now only most humbly to request
the Communication of G.M.H.'s gracious
Commands respecting the Disposal of this
Office, which will be implicitly and
immediately obeyed.



Mr. Spence
March 19. 1811.