

R. Thornton to H. R. H.

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Grafton St 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 1811

Robert Thornton Esq. the Principal Secretary

Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Yorke has this day offered to me the place of Marshal to the admiralty Court, which I have determined to accept:-

This, Sir, brings me to the moment when I have to perform the duty of thanking

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Your Royal Highness not only for the most substantial benefit, but for the most condescending marks of favor & partiality in obtaining that benefit for me — The impressions I now have can never be changed, & I am bound to Your Royal Highness for my life in humblest duty, in strongest gratitude, & in most unqualified respect & veneration — The mind that is properly grateful in common cases finds some relief; but at my humble distance to have received such marked condescensions & liberality is almost

a weight too oppressive, yet that oppression is even relieved when my illustrious Benefactor condescends to confer so great a benefit as Your Royal Highness has done — It is but justice to Mr. Gorkie altho' he offered some observations which are known to Your Royal Highness, that I should state the very handsome manner in which he executed Your Royal Highness's commands on this day — I have the honor to

Robt Thornton  
19. September 1701.

subscribe myself with never ending  
gratitude Sir

Your Royal Highness's  
most dutiful, most faithful,  
& most devoted servant  
Robert Thornton

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