

Newman Street March 28. 1812 —

Sir

The two papers which will accompany this letter, I take the liberty to place in your hands for the purpose of being privately laid before His Royal Highness the Prince Regent for His consideration. The first of them is the copy of an Address proposed to be presented to the Prince Regent: prepared by the President and Council of the Royal Academy, and sanctioned by the general assembly of academicians. Which Address is now writing by Mr. Tomkins on Velum (as was customary to be done to those which the Academy had the honor of presenting to His Majesty) and which Mr. Tomkins will have finished in the ensuing week. In the week following — should it be the pleasure of the Prince Regent to condescend to receive the Address — His Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to signify the day in that week to be waited on: I here beg leave humbly to remark, that when ever my predecessor, and myself had the honor of presenting an Address to His Majesty, we were only accompanied by the Secretary, and Treasurer of the Academy; but, should the Regent honour the academicians by receiving their Address — He will be graciously pleased to signify, in what manner, it is His pleasure to be waited on, with the Address.

The second paper, is a statement of the

Institution

of the Royal Academy, as founded, and Patronised
by His Majesty from the year 1768.

Your communication with His Royal
Highness the Prince Regent respecting the contents
in this letter, will be ever considered a favour by

Sir Your most obedient, and obliged
Benjⁿ West

P.S. I have the gratification to state, for the informa-
-tion of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent -
that in obedience to the commands with which
I was honored, respecting the collection of the
Royal pictures - that I am prepared with the
statement of them for His inspection, when
ever He may be pleased to signify His pleasure
to see me on the subject.

Gen^l. Turner