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Newman Street Jan^y 13th 1813

Dear Sir

Confinement at home by the Gout, deprived me the means of attending the business in the Royal Academy ever since the beginning of Winter; and now deprives me ~~the~~ of the gratification I should have, were I able to wait on you with the inclosed letter from the President and Council of the Academy: stating the sentiments of the Body of Academicians respecting the Memorial conveyed to them, by the Viscount Sidmouth.

That Body in concurrence with the Council, have my good Sir, considered you as the best to adjust the business of their communication with His Royal Highness the Prince Regent - and I thought it highly proper, the letter to you should go through my hands.

With great respect, I have the honour
to be Dear Sir

Yours with sincerity
Benjⁿ West

Maj^r Gen^l Turner

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