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My Lord. Whether the Papers You have
 done me the honor to lay before His Royal Highness the
 Prince Regent shall be read or by any accident overlooked
 I cannot tell - there certainly may be Papers of more
 importance or at least in the opinion of Ministers more
 important to be read than mine: yet I am not
 without hope if they shall meet the eye of His Royal
 Highness they will interest his attention. But be that
 as it may My Lord if your Lordship had found time to
 cast your eye over them you must have perceived that
 without meaning the smallest disrespect to your
 Lordship it was sincere and proper that my claim
 the reliance I had on the promise of our most gracious
 Sovereign and my reasonable expectations of the fulfillment
 thereof should in the first instance be made known by
 myself to His Royal Highness relying as I do on His
 known propensity to see that although it is a case
 out of the common routine of business it is precisely
 for that reason he will have the goodness to bestow
 upon it the consideration I presume to say it deserves

That it is of such a nature as to interfere
 with Ministerial arrangements (though I confess
 I cannot see how) may be more or less possible - the
 novelty and unexpected appearance of it I know will
 not recommend it to any Minister but these real or
 supposed impediments I should hope will be easily got
 over: It is not made on the usual ground of State
 interest or exertion in support of Ministerial influence
 it bottoms upon a broader base and rests upon a
 foundation which I should hope no Minister would
 like to shake - the sacred word of the King - it requires
 neither artifice or intrigue to support it nor will any
 such means be resorted to. That any difficulty
 will be thrown in my way from the incapacity of his
 Majesty to make good his promise to me I will

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readily believe. I send your Lordship the original
letter of Lord North to me as it gives me an opportunity
of recapitulating without the appearance of egotism some
of my services at that day. From the Cowardice of the
Cabinet and the irresolute and vacillating Conduct of the
Parliament all the Springs of the Executive Government
were relax'd and lost their elasticity: the Mob were
uppermost; disorder and Confusion triumphed. I put
myself at the head of my own Party; I beat the Mob and
chase a Popeye for His Majesty to His Palace where
otherwise his safe Return was more than doubtful; and
by so doing I became the most unpopular man in
England. But when I saw myself abandoned by that
Cabinet and that Parliament I had it in my power to
become perhaps the most popular man in England by
abandoning them in my turn and refusing to sit for
Medaltery which from every principle from every feeling
I had as a gentleman and a Man of Honor I was
prompted to do; and certainly would have done though
Lord North advised His Majesty not to grant me the
Chiltern Hundreds— all my friends and my family
importuned me to it; and nothing but His Majestys
interference and Request could have prevented me from
so doing: he was sensible not only of the injury I should
sustain but of the services I had performed and such
My Lord is the origin of the promise of which I must claim
the performance. Many of my friends knew I have
that promise all of them know my Services and the
hard Conflicts I have had with insurrections and
Rebellion in Ireland and I feel it incumbent on me
to shew them and the World that not for any obloquy
that can attach to me am I apparently proscribed
from both Houses of Parliament. I have not
ask'd for an Hereditary Peerage the Crown could

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as he it upon me I have no family to inherit it
 I only ask to be plac'd where (if I had not turn'd
 my back upon and absent myself from a scene
 of vice and profligacy that in my mind injur'd and
 disparag'd his Majesty's Government I should have
 been plac'd twelve years ago. My services have
 been long and I might venture to say arduous
 the Claim I make on the favour I ask is short
 and transitory. But if I shall be put into a
 seat in the House of Commons where only I can
 claim it; instead of the House of Lords where I have
 presumed to ask it; my knowledge of the Purge of
 both Countries will prevent me from feeling that the
 latter is refer'd to me on the score of its being
 beyond my pretensions to aspire to. I am the last
 Male branch of the Lutthells of Somersetshire
 My family have possess'd large property both in
 England and Ireland descending from father to son
 for more then Six hundred years: these things I do not
 value much, but it is galling to have seen
 some Cousins whom I remember scarce gentlemen
 and of otherwise strong description and equivocal
 loyalty prefer'd to me and so thrust out that
 plain men have conceiv'd Government must
 have some good though secret Reason ~~Reason~~ for
 treating me as it has done. I beg Your Lordship
 will excuse this letter Unintentionally made so long
 and that you will Communicate to me the alternative
 I am to expect from the decision of His Royal Highness
 in this business so soon as it shall be in your
 Lordship's power so to do. I have the honor to be
 With great Respect My Lord
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