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To His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

The humble petition of John Roberts, Sheweth

That your poor Petitioner, was an Inhabitant of the City of Worcester;— where, thro' the blessing of Providence, — He was encircled with all those domestic comforts and outwards resources, which accrued from a life, that was devoted to the Instruction of Youth, and other occupations, useful to the general good — Beloved and respected by those, with whom He was more immediately connected, — in the course of a short time, He was enabled to establish a large Seminary, of Boarders & Day pupils to the number of 70. — The first Event, which brought all his other Calamities upon him, — was, a providential affliction, — by which He was laid on a bed of Sickness, for near Eight Years — In this situation, — Unable to take that laborious part in his school, He was accustomed — and the consequent decline of his circumstances, — His difficulties became multiplied, — and his resources diminished.

Thus labouring under accumulated Misfortunes, His
Creditors seized upon the little remnant that remain
tho' he had been induced, thro' their promises not
to molest him, to Enter into an Engagement by sign
ing a Warrant of Attorney in their favor, which he
had no sooner done, than they proceeded against
him — and brought on desolation and anguish and
ruin to himself & Family. —

To your Royal Highness of whose
Humanity, many of your poor Subjects are
participaters, Your poor Petitioner now makes this
humble appeal — and while He forbears to say any
thing, of what He has done for the relief of the
distressed, in his days of prosperity — sues to
your Royal Highness for any assistance, your
Royal Highness shall be pleased to bestow upon
Himself. —

Will your Royal Highness permit
Him, however to add, what He feels an honest
pride in, — as well as his duty to your Royal —

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Highness, to declare, that He has undeniable refer-
ences, as to Character, and the truth of his lamentable
situation, Favoured by the mark'd attention of several
Members of Parliament, among whom are Lords
Toley, and Lyttleton, He humbly begs to refer
your Royal Highness to them.—

Your poor Petitioner waits your
Royal Highnesses pleasure towards him.—
and as in duty bound—ever prays—

J. Roberts.—

Sir, James Esdaile, and Company, Lombard
Street. Mess^{rs}. Austen, Maunde, & Tilson,
Henrietta St. and Rev. M^r. Wright, Ely-
Place, Holborn, have kindly offered to take in
Subscriptions for your Royal Highnesses un-
fortunate Distressed Suppliant.—

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