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Dear Sir

In the absence of the Duke of Bedford, I am directed, as Chairman of the Committee Meetings of "The Institution for promoting the British System, for the Education of the Labouring and Manufacturing Classes of the Community of every Religious Persuasion" to request that you will have the goodness humbly to submit to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the anxious wish, and sanguine hope entertained by the Numerous Friends of that System, that His Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to take the great Interests which it involves under His Royal Highness's special Protection.

It is well known, and gratefully remembered, that His Royal Highness has been a warm, powerful and Munificent Friend to

The System of Education which is now submitted
to the favour of His Royal Highness, under
its new designation.

Its progress has been great, and
the benefits conferred by its operation upon
the ignorant and unenlightened of the Lower
Classes of the Community very extensive: but
by the arrangements which have lately been
adopted, there is every prospect of their becom-
ing Universal. provided the Institution meets
with Protection, from the exalted Quarters
wherein it is now, with all Humility, sought.

The Errors of Joseph Lancaster have
been many, and it is with deep regret We are
bound to acknowledge, that to those Errors are
attributable, any partial failures, of the effects
which had been anticipated, from the great
Efforts made to promulgate his Invention;

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and to render it practically available to Mankind, under the gracious and benignant Patronage of His Majesty.

21219 But those Errors are happily passed: and Joseph Lancaster having accepted a situation adapted to his Talents and power of practical usefulness, wherein he may render the most important services to the cause. Their recurrence is happily prevented.

Take the liberty of sending the enclosed Papers, which will thoroughly explain the footing upon which the Institution at present stands: and I trust that the foundation upon which it is placed is so firm, as that if His Royal Highness the Prince Regent shall be graciously pleased to comply with the request thus humbly submitted to him, and to become its Patron and Protector, its benefits will be rapidly diffused over every part of the extensive Empire

of His Majesty; and at no remote period through
out the World

I have the honour to be

Dear Sir

Your very faithful
and obedient servant

Samuel Whitbread

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Dec. 9. 1813