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Lord Liverpool communicated  
to me some time  
ago your application  
for the next Blue  
Ribbon which might  
become vacant.

I need not I hope  
say how fully sensible  
I am of your claims  
to such a distinction  
at the first practicable  
opportunity, & how  
much personal  
satisfaction on  
many accounts I  
should have in  
complying with them.

I should not

have hesitated in giving effect to your wishes, on the first Vacancy, if I had not some time ago held out the strongest Expectations to The Marquis of Anglesey, when he received the Red Ribbon, that I would confer at so distant period the Blue Ribbon upon him.

He has since reminded me of what passed on the occasion - and the circumstances of his Services at the Battle of

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Waterloo, the loss  
which he there  
sustained, and his  
time of life, make  
me feel that I cannot  
do otherwise than give  
him the first Blue  
Ribbon which shall  
become vacant.

Although I feel  
all the objections  
which exist to  
prospective Promises  
on matters of this  
nature, yet, under  
all the circumstances,  
and with the anxious  
desire which I  
feel of meeting  
your wishes, I have

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so difficultly in saying  
that it is my intention  
that the second  
Blue Ribbon which  
shall become vacant  
shall be conferred  
upon you.

Presented for a letter  
to the D. of Northumberland.  
St. John's Wood  
2 Jan 1818.