

Lord Ellenborough

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My most dear Sir — much respected Prince!  
I hasten to reply to your Royal Highness's signal favour which  
I have just received — If my life had been fortunate enough  
to accomplish all the public good, which I had ever  
indavour'd to obtain by it, Your Royal Highness's  
very generous confidence & praise, would have abundantly  
overpaid it — Upon this subject Your Royal  
Highness's goodness cannot be exceeded — ~~it will~~  
I hope excite at least in others, future performances,  
more adequate than mine have proved! — The reason I have  
ventur'd to convey to your Royal Highness, through my good  
friend the Lord Chancellour, is painful to me, at the  
time I am resigning the performance of duties, by which

I have been so long engaged, - if there was  
anything about me which would render me further  
useful, to your Royal Highness, I should not stand dead  
to myself, your Royal Highness, or the public, if  
I gave you the present trouble - but I feel myself  
unfortunately quite exhausted & unable, - the remainder  
of my life will be occupied in sincere prayer, that that God  
may be accomplished by other, which cannot be effected  
I lament to say, any longer by me -

I have the honor to remain, with every sentiment  
of the sincerest gratitude & devotion, your  
Royal Highness most faithful & affected humble servant  
Mentborough

St James's Square  
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