

Lady Dundonald  
April 19. 1819

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Sir

I have been given to understand that your heart is benevolent & kind; therefore to such I make my appeal soliciting your interest with His Royal Highness the Prince Regent in behalf of the Earl of Dundonald, when his Petition shall be laid before his Royal Highness, that you will, by your persuasive entreaty, induce your Royal Master to throw a benign look over it & grant the noble Petitioner the relief prayed for —

The Earl of Dundonald is one of the best but most unfortunate of Men! replete with science & useful knowledge but betrayed by false friends; oppressed & persecuted by his own Sons & brother, the rich Honorable Basil Cochrane, who has (since his marriage with that wife who now ventures to address you) withdrawn the miserable pittance heretofore allowed him of sixteen pounds p<sup>r</sup> month for every article of life & left him literally to starve! He has even been refused half a pint of rum, which he petitioned for being unwell & unable to procure wine or other cordial —

Lord Dundonald is seventy one years of age; <sup>his</sup>

his health is fast declining & his misfortunes overwhelm him.  
Deprived of the absolute necessaries of life, he must  
soon cease to be, unless His Royal Highness the Prince  
Regent should graciously vouchsafe to commiserate  
his unparalleled state of wretchedness —

His Royal Highness' never varying attributes of  
justice & benevolence, will I trust, when backed by so  
able & amiable an advocate as yourself, prove favorable  
to the truly worthy but most oppressed & unhappy Earl  
of Dundonald! It is his Lordship's intention to attend  
the next Levée & to solicit the honor of a private audience  
of his Royal Highness & to obtain leave to present  
his Petition —

Oh Sir! let me once again entreat your good will  
& kind offices for my poor Lord! It will be an act  
worthy of you & fix incredible gratitude in the heart  
of Her, who in her best hours, will offer up a prayer  
to the Throne of Mercy, for blessings to be your portion!

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Parson's Green  
Fulham  
April 19<sup>th</sup> 1719

with great respect  
Your most Obedient Servant  
Anna Maria Dundonald

M<sup>t</sup>. Honble  
Sir B. Bloomfield