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Majesty of Hastings

to

His Prince Regent

July 14 1819

Acknowledgments for
the Guelphic Order

Calcutta July 14th
1819

It seems as if your royal
Highness were bent on defying my grati-
-tude to keep pace with your benignity.
I am pretty confident in my stock, tho'
I own that the bounty I experience is dif-

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- difficult to be adequately met. The gracious
- conversation which your Royal Highness, Deign
- ed to hold with Lady Hastings just before
her embarkation has been detailed to me
with all the sensibility it was so well
calculated to excite. (understand, Sir, to
accept my humble but glowing thanks for
your unwearyed kindness. When you could
say that I must keenly prize the royal
Guelphic ribbon because it was your
own Order, your Royal Highness will under-
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- stood me. No other order in Europe could be
 Deign received by me with any thing like the
 pride which I feel in bearing this Distin-
 - tion. I venture to trust that I shall not
 entail discredit on it. The most active
 principle in my Heart is to prove myself
 worthy of your Royal Highness's favor. If
 the general & rapidly increasing prosper-
 - ity which reigns here may be in any
 degree ascribed to beneficial administra-

- tion, the praise is not mine: It belongs to
Him who charged me to justify his Choice
by advancing the welfare of this part of
His Empire, and who cheers my energy to con-
-stant exertion by His generous notice
of my Zeal.

With profound respect &
earnest Duty, I remain,

Sir,

Your Royal Highness!
Most humble and obliged,
& most grateful Servant

The Prince Regent

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