

Ed. Rossdale to H. H.

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Sir,

Isleworth 12.

July 28th 1820.

I feel the full force of my presumption
in venturing to address a letter to your Majesty.
& could not dare to do so - did I not receive
courage from the sense of so much past & continued
service - & the memory of the generous expressions
even - that I was your oldest friend, & that you

word never for me"

I cannot, therefore, resist expressing
 to your Majesty I feel my sincere & unceasing regret,
 that I am no longer in your Majesty's Family - & that
 I cannot, in any shape, manifest to your Majesty
 person a devotion, that I will venture to say,
 is not exceeded by that of any other person,
 & will terminate only with my life -

In circumstances in the light of outward
 honor can redeem what passes within my breast,
 as the existing exclusion - & the mortification, I
 feel, is such, that were to move than temporary, I

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I have now learned the worst. That your the Birth-

I will not dare to convey in words
my feelings on your Majesty - but only implore,
that I may, at some convenient moment, be
restored, as I suppose necessary, to some Station about
your Majesty's person. That will put me in my
power, however faintly to express my dutiful &
disinterested attachment - & remove what may
be conceived the death-blow to my peace of mind,
that I held so long the same humble place in
your Majesty's regards -

I have no other way to

conclude, but in beseeching your Majesty to pardon
the Temerity of this Letter - & to believe me,
while I shall live - to the utmost Intent.

Your Majesty's

Devoted Subject

Howden -

The Sir John Craocke who arrived in
Spain between the death of Moore & the arrival
of Wellington

Howden
July 20. 1820.