

Ld. Chancellor of H. M.

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Ld. Eldon humbly presumes to request your Majesty's permission to be admitted to your Royal Presence.

Though the Act of Queen Anne continues the Ld. Chancellor in his Office upon the demise of the King for six Months, subject to the Successor's pleasure with respect to removal, and a late Act of Parliament, by one Construction of it, may be understood to continue that Office in his Office without limitation of Time, but subject to removal, the Nature of that Office appears to be such, as to render it most fit, if it be not absolutely

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purpose, that the Lord Chancellor should
consider himself as diverted of his Office
upon the demise of the Sovereign, unless
your Majesty shall be pleased to command
him to retain it.

He humbly hopes that your
Majesty will be graciously pleas'd to pardon
the Trouble, which this Mode of Communication
may occasion to your Majesty, when Lord
Eldon is in waiting personally to deliver
to your Majesty the great Seal: but,
at the present Moment of distress, he
is sensible of his Inability, verbally, in the
Royal Presence, to express what he
feels upon the Loss of his late Sovereign
— what he feels in duty & Attachment

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To his present Sovereign, and the Gratitude,
with which he reflects upon the many
Obligations, which both have done him
the high Honour, in a long Course, ^{of years,} most
graciously to confer upon him.

L^o Chancellor Eldon

The Lord Chancellor

To

The King

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Attending to return

up the Great Seal on

the Queen of the

late Majesty.