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Sir

I hope your Majesty will pardon me for suggesting that it would be very pleasing to Lord Suffolk, if your Majesty would immediately appoint a Chapter of the Garter for electing him & the other two Knights, who were to have been elected with Lord Holderneppe, if he had lived to see four vacancies in the Order.

His death will also put it into your Majesty's power to effectuate the very gracious intentions you have been pleased to express

with respect to me: On a thousand accounts, the  
wardenship of the Cinque Ports has been always the  
favourite object of my ambition, but, as I have  
made it a rule not to trouble your Majesty with  
solicitations for myself, I never mention'd it till  
your Majesty's goodness presented my wishes by  
giving me hopes (most graciously & spontaneously)  
that I should succeed Lord Holderness; If I have  
suggested to your Majesty my desire of holding that  
office in the same manner that it was held by  
him, it is from a thorough conviction, that, after  
the situation, which, by your Majesty's kindness,  
I have held in this country, it would be a dis-  
= grace to me to have that office upon a less  
respectable footing than my immediate predecessor.  
or, indeed, to hold any favour from the Crown  
by a precarious & dependant tenure, your  
Majesty has raised me too high to make it now  
possible for me to hold the Wardenship of

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Harrington, L<sup>ad</sup> Holderneppe, L<sup>ad</sup> Rochford,  
In short, every person, who has received favour  
from the Crown after exercising Cabinet-office,  
have held them either during their lives or  
for some other permanent term. I am far  
from asserting that I have any claim from  
my services, which has not been satisfied  
already, or that settled rules & maxims of  
government ought to be broken on my account.  
I only mean humbly to represent, what, in  
my opinion, my honour requires of me;  
If your Majesty can confer the favour  
you intend me in the only manner in  
which, I think, I can, with credit, accept

it, you will add most essentially to the many  
& great instances of your goodness which  
I have already received. I have the honour  
to be, with the utmost veneration & respect,

Sir,

your Majesty's

most dutiful & devoted  
servant & subject

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