

Ld.  
Bristol.

Jekworth Park August 7<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Sir

Your Majesty having thought proper by your Declaration, to open Hostilities with France, and my Health being so perfectly re-established; I cannot resist throwing myself once more at y<sup>r</sup> Royal Feet, to repeat my Offers of Service at this critical time, to your Majesty, in any Rank, time, or place, your Majesty shall think proper to employ me: Nor would I, Sir, trouble y<sup>r</sup> Majesty again on this occasion, could I resist the most anxious Desire, which I feel, to devote my life & Fortune to y<sup>r</sup> Majesty's, and my Country's Service, in that Profession in which I have lived forty-four years: The Rank in which I have always served, and the Justice and Goodness of y<sup>r</sup> Majesty's Heart, leaves me, not the least Doubt of

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Your Majesties favourable Reception of this, my most  
humble, repeated Request; and whatever may be  
the fate of my Application to yr Majesty only,  
on this occasion; I shall ever remain, what I  
have ever been, with the greatest Respect and  
the warmest Attachment

Sir  
Your Majesty's  
Most faithful, Dutifull  
Servant & Subject  
J. W. S.

Lord Bessett

August 7. 1770