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Sir.

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I am desired by Mr Crawford,
whose Brother sets out tomorrow for Ports-
mouth in order to embark for the East
Indies, to prefer his humble petition to
your Majesty, that his Brother
may not be removed from the
very agreeable as well as honourable
situation he now enjoys in her

Majesty's family.

I am sensible that I have
 already troubled your Majesty too
 much upon the subject of Mr Cransford's
 application, but, as I am, at the same
 time, conscious that I have distressed
 both him & his brother by my delays
 during some part of the business, I
 confess that it would give me great
 comfort of mind, if I could be instru-
 -mental in procuring any thing for
 them that can give them satisfaction.

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& convince them of the sincerity of
my wishes to serve them.

Every person that goes to India
hopes in a reasonable time to return,
& nobody thinks with pleasure of
returning in a worse situation
than he goes; An office of court of a
very genteel & distinguished kind such
as that which is held by Mr Crow-
-ford, gives to any gentleman such
a credit in the eyes of the world
that I do not wonder at his unwilling-
-ness to part with it, & from the value

which he must set upon it, I ~~am~~ ^{am} certain
that he will feel the greatest &
most lasting gratitude to your Majesty
& the Queen, if your good will will
permit him to retain it.

I will not presume to add a word
upon the deep sense I should have of
your Majesty's gracious condescension
to my humble obsequies on this occasion
but beg leave to conclude with submissi-
-vely myself, with the most dutiful
attachment, Sir,

Dancing Street
May 20. 1780.

your most obedient & devoted
subject & servant. *W. Pitt*