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Sir,

It is with the utmost reluctance  
I now sit down to communicate anything  
to yr. Ma<sup>ty</sup> wh. may in the smallest degree  
~~be productive of uneasiness~~ <sup>either</sup> to yourself or  
the Queen whose mutual good opinions &  
approbation, I do ever think the most  
glorious sanction to any measure I do  
~~think~~ <sup>judge</sup> fit to adopt. I therefore think  
it my duty to inform your Majesty of  
a resolution, I have been induced to take, from  
the peculiar & very embarrassed situation



of my affairs, arising from the necessary expences incurred during the course of last Year. I mean the putting in full practice a system of economy by immediately going abroad, & wh. nothing but my absenting my self from the Country <sup>(provisionally)</sup> can possibly effectuate. The ~~low~~ willingness I naturally & sincerely feel, to be relieved in consequence of your Majesty especially at the present moment of my account, can be equalled only, by the

~~your self exposed to~~ some ~~time~~ since, ~~the~~ ~~idea~~ of ~~proposing~~ any additional burden upon the Country, ~~is~~ ~~therefore~~ ~~by~~ ~~leave~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~Majesty~~ ~~to~~ ~~repeat~~ ~~of~~. I think it incumbent upon me to give your Majesty the earliest information of an event, wh. it is absolutely necessary for me to put in immediate practice. I have the honor to subscribe myself  
Sir, Your Majesty's most dutiful  
obedient Son & Subject  
L<sup>o</sup> P<sup>o</sup> -