

H. R. H. to Lord Parker (shd. follow next)

July 9 1786

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My dear Lord Parker

I have this instant received your kind letter, & cannot help immediately answering it to return you my sincere thanks for the kind offer of your services which I am afraid it will not be in my power to accept of, as I have taken a firm determination not to appear again in publick till I can do it again with that dignity and splendour which my rank in life entitles me to, & which is infinitely more than I have any private wishes for. Some advantages generally do accrue or testify themselves even in the worst of situations, tho' indeed I cannot call mine such, having the consciousness of acting right and justly to support me in my retirement but which will always be undid'd pleasure in the

recollection of those friends who have so
disinterestedly testified their regard and
attachment to me as you have done
& in whose society I flatter myself
still to pass many of my leisure
hours — I remain Dear Lord Pembroke
most sincerely Yours.

Carlton House

July 9th 86

George P. [Copy]