

W. Stephens
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My Dear Sir,

I am this moment honoured with
your letter accompanied with a copy of a most
gracious one from the Prince of Wales to your
Lordship. However & with the Pleas may be
that I feel upon this occasion as being no longer
in a situation to serve so good and indulgent
a Master, I can assure your Lordship, that I
am equally sensible of the goodness I have always
experienced from him; and permit me now to
request of your Lordship, in addition to those
marks of Friendship you have always shown
me, most kindly, and with the greatest deference
and respect, to present my duty to the Prince
of Wales, accompanied with the only request
I can make upon this occasion, to His Royal

Highness, that I will do me the Justice to
believe that the Abjuring process, with which
he has been graciously pleased to honor me
I have always effected me the greatest pleasure
and shall be acknowledged with the utmost
gratitude Permet me now, My Dear Lord,
to thank you for your goodness, to me since
I have had the honor of being known to you
I believe me to be with great respect.

My Dear Lord

Your faithful

Y^o Obed^t Hon^o Servant
Dⁿ M^r Thomas