

Sir  
Hamilton  
to H. P. 4

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Naples Nov. 12. 1788.

Sir

Your Royal Highness will  
I hope pardon the great liberty I have  
taken in sending you a case containing  
a colossal Head in Marble of an  
Augustus, of true Grecian Sculpture  
which I discovered in an old Tower  
in this City, and which, in the  
building there of, had been made  
use of as a common stone. When  
the Noble owner of the Tower,  
allowed me to have it extracted,  
I luckily found it infinitely  
beyond my expectation excellent,  
and (except a part of the nose,  
part of one ear and a lock of  
hair, which had been broken off)  
in good preservation, I send  
it to Rome to have those parts

properly

A. P. H. The Prince of Wales

properly restored, and I flatter <sup>myself</sup> that now Your Royal Highness will not think this monument of Antiquity unworthy of a place in Carlton House. I will tell your Royal Highness truly what induced me to think of taking so great a liberty. When I was last in England I perceived with pleasure that your Royal Highness had a great love for the Arts, and a desire of acquiring a knowledge of them; the only method is to examine with attention such works of Art as are avowedly and undoubtedly of the first class and compare them with others that only pretend to be so. I am convinced that when this Bust is placed in a good light and at its proper height, and your Royal Highness has been accustomed to

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to look upon it You will never bear  
the sight of a Bust of indifferent  
Sculpture. His Majesty, who is  
certainly a great lover of the Arts,  
and Has given them great encour-  
agement, for want of having  
formed His Taste early on Works  
of the first Class, Has never  
arrived at being sensible to what  
is properly call'd the Sublime  
in the Arts. This favorite subject  
of mine has I fear already carried  
me too far. May Your H. Highness  
enjoy Health and every Happiness  
and that the Arts in Great Britain  
may flourish one day under the  
auspices of Your Royal Highness  
to as great a degree of perfection  
as they did at Home in the days  
of Augustus is the sincere wish of

Sir Your Royal Highness's  
most obedient and most  
humble servant

W. D. H.

From  
Genl William Hamilton

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1788.

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