

T. Erskine to Capt. Payne.

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My Dear Payne

I observe by the News papers that many persons left bound in immediate obligation, & I am certain not before me in good wishes have from a very proper & commendable respect to his Majesty & the Prince made personal enquiries at Windsor. Independently of the Duty & regard which in common with others I owe to & have for the King, I feel so very much for the Prince my Master in his present affecting situation, & have besides such a debt of gratitude to his Royal Highness for the many unmerited

marks of his regard which you know
I have been in the course of receiving
~~that~~ I should be peculiarly inex-
cusable if I were wanting in
the least mark of Form or
Ceremony much less of affection
which cannot be doubted.

I desire therefore to depend on
you as a friend ^{to tell me} whether I
ought to leave my name at
the Princes apartments at Windsor
& also to say to the Prince
at a proper season, that I
have only been withheld thro
fear of opposition from

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manifesting that I should be attached
which I must ever feel for
every thing that concerns
him.

Believe me to be

Ever sincerely yours

Erskine.

Servants Son

London. Nov^r. 17th 1788.

Mr. Lykeme

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From Boston