

H.R. H. to H. Pitt

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This second letter is, I fear, a troublesome proof of my uncommon anxiety about P. for whom I really have the strongest personal regard, and for whose situation I do feel sincerely interested. He is, besides, the most intimate friend of my brother James, whom you know to be amongst your warmest wellwishers. P. has sacrificed his profession entirely, and I hope you will think such a Provision not improperly bestowed upon him after ten years ^{of the most active} attachment to your interest; during some of which he has held one of the most honorable appointments next to a Seat in the Cabinet, and which, instead of encreasing a Fortune, which several contested Elections had considerably impaired, exacted from him other expenses in his style of living, more than proportioned to the Salary he enjoyed. The vacant Office, for which of course you would have his Seat at the Treasury to dispose of, will be an handsome provision for him, without subjecting the Country to the additional expence of one shilling; and without this provision, his circumstances will be very deplorable

deplorable indeed in point of Income (particularly with other
contested Elections hanging over his head) and he cannot, which
I am sure must be a consideration with any feeling mind, have
the smallest hope ^{even} of being united to an amiable woman, for
whom he entertains the greatest attachment. If you
think that the wishes of an Heir Apparent to the Throne ought
ever to have the smallest weight in the scale of Interest with
a Minister, let me beg of you to prove it in this instance by
bestowing Lord Sydney's Office upon P. and be assured that I
shall always hold your compliance with my entreaties
upon this occasion in the most grateful remembrance.

In favour of
Sydney

The Prime Minister
to
Mr. Pitt