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Sir

Pall Mall April 9. 1802

I should not have presumed to address your Royal Highness on the subject of this letter, but upon the advice of my friend Mr. Sheridan, whom I have consulted upon the occasion — It is his relating to the future representation of the City of Coventry, where your Royal Highness has (tho' possibly you may not know it) a considerable degree of influence —

The unfavourable state of my circumstances induced me some time since, publicly to declare offering myself again as a Candidate, since which time, & particularly within these few days, the flattering opinion entertained by the leading People of both parties, with the principal Members of the Corporation, of my conduct in Parliamt<sup>t</sup> has induced them to express a wish, that I may be again their

Representative, accompanied with offers of support  
of the most liberal kind -

I am extremely happy Sir; that my conduct in  
the House on a late occasion was such as your Royal  
Highness approved of, & it is with real concern, that  
I reflect upon any circumstances having occurred to  
remove from your Royal Highness's mind that favor-  
able impression of me, which you have formerly  
with so much condescension frequently expressed -  
to prove to your Royal Highness the sincerity of my  
feelings, I beg leave to say (previous to my returning  
an answer to my friends in Coventry) that if there  
is any Gentleman whom your Royal Highness should  
wish to bring forward as a Candidate, I will withdraw  
my pretensions, & give every possible support by my  
interest, & exertions to promote his success - but if  
your Royal Highness should not have any person to propose

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I should be of opinion that my future services in  
Parliament may in any degree be useful by your Interests  
I certainly will in that case, accept the offer of my  
Friends, of whose success in their support of me, I do  
not entertain a doubt — I beg leave to men-  
tion by your Royal Highness that one of my principal  
inducements for having declined to offer myself as a  
Candidate, arose from the idea I thought the World  
might entertain, that the situation of retail trade in  
which I am engaged was derogatory to a seat in  
Parliament — such a prejudice however, if it did pre-  
vail — no longer exists, as it is my intention in con-  
sequence of the impaired state of my Health, & in-  
sufficiency of Capital to carry on my business, to  
withdraw from my present line of business, & engage  
in one of a more private nature & attended with  
less fatigue & anxiety — with every feeling of  
respect & duty to your Royal Highness I am  
the honor to be — Sir — Your obliged Obedt. Servt.  
Nathl. Jefferys.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of aged, yellowed paper with vertical and horizontal fold lines.]*

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