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Sir

I will not attempt to describe the strong impression of Gratitude under which I address these few lines to your Royal Highness. No one but yourself Sir could have so greatly enhanced the value of a Favour & Honor by the manner of conferring it. I trust that I feel and prize every word of your most gracious Letter as I ought. It was not possible

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to increase the Devotion and
Attachment to your Royal Highness's
Character & Person which have
so long been among the warmest
Feelings of my Heart. but
Diligence & exertion on my Part
may be increased - and they
shall be. To the end of my life
I will strenuously employ every
Faculty of my mind in your
service. and never can there
arise any reward so grateful
to my Feelings as ^{will be} the consciousness

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of contributing in the slightest
Degree to the advancement of your
Royal Highness's happiness and
the maintenance of your renown
and Power.

I have the Honor to be
with the truest sentiments
of Duty & attachment
Your Royal Highness's
most obliged & devoted Servant

R. B. Sheridan

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R. B. Hudson

July 21, 1804

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