

W. Braddyll to Col the Marquis
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My dear Mr. Marquis,

Though I am willing to hope, my letter of yesterday would be fully satisfactory, and that the proposition, as to the time of payment, &c. insure me the satisfaction you mentioned, yet, I cannot feel satisfied / highly dissatisfied as I should find it, to fix any earlier date, without saying how much I should feel, were any object not to be required. To your friendship therefore must I resort, to make my letter of yesterday acceptable, or at any rate not to let the thing be lost, till you can tell me what possible arrangement can be made, so as ~~to~~ ^{let} the vessel slip through our fingers, without every exertion on my part, towards its attainment. Still, however, anxious to hope no objection whatever can be made to Feb. 1808, or possibly I might manage it by next Christmas week, in which case, you may depend upon its not being delayed. At the later period of ^{Feb.} 1808 I can speak with the most positive

certainty. As your letter tells me this is a ~~private~~
~~secret~~ "favoured" situation, I flatter myself with
the hope that my future worthy constituents, will
very forgive my personal solicitation or appearance,
either on the score of ill health, or ^{for} any other
reason that may be deemed satisfactory. But of
this you will I am sure have the goodness to
inform me. It shall for granted, if I sh^d during
the next Parliament, accept the situation of Prime
Minister, First Lord of the Admiralty, or any other
great situation, my worthy friends, will recollect
me. I sh^d be apart — I hope in case of vacating for
any thing, I sh^d during the next Parliament, be re-elected
without expence. Pray excuse this scrawl which
is written in great haste, & in no little satisfaction.
I have I feel satisfied, you will do the best
you can for me. Ever most faithfully
yours