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My Sir

I ventured to address a letter to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in October last stating the dreadful situation in which I stood by the responsibilities and claims of different People for the late Election in West I have been upbraided by Mr Sheppard for writing such a letter and I am fearful that such representations were made to His Royal Highness as to induce him to believe that I had stated more than facts. I will not dare trouble His Royal Highness or intrude upon him again but I hope to receive your Pardon for this Liberty and trust that through your Means I may stand in the Eyes of His Royal Highness with a Character far above being capable of attempting an Impersonation of such a Nature - As for a Proof of what I had written I am at this moment an Exile from my Home & Family for fear of Imprisonment and an Execution is in my Hour in both Instances wholly on Mr Sheppards Election Account - Sorry am I to state, how the Ministry does not end for

at Doctor's Struck against me this Day, and so  
some build me from that State in Society I have  
ever endeavoured to hold with Credit, and from my  
Attachment and zeal am at this Time a  
Sufferer outcast and deprived of every Means of  
Subsistence — I have above given my reason  
why I have trusted upon your kindness Hoping  
His Royal Highness will not impute to me such  
Motives for adorning him as I am sadly afraid have  
been said Amory Charge

I remain

Y<sup>r</sup> Obedt<sup>l</sup>

with my Sentiment of Respect

Your Most Obedt<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Douglas