

W. A. Mily

(Miles) to HRH

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Sir

Language is very often an imperfect interpreter of our feelings, and joy as well as sorrow is sometimes best expressed by silence; but this resource is denied me under the flattering circumstances which induced your royal Highness to assign me a salary of four hundred pounds per annum from the duchy of Cornwall, and it is impossible I can receive this mark of your royal favor, announcing at once the innate benevolence of your heart, and a mind superior to resentment, without being impressed with a just sense of your goodness, and seeing in this display of your bounty an auspicious omen for the country, whenever the course of events places you on the throne of your ancestors, but gratified as I am by your having graciously condescended to take me under your royal protection, the greatest value I derive from

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This instance of your unmerited kindness, is the strongest evidence it offers of your magnanimity and of your justice in disclaiming to credit the Calumny which would have branded me with the design of subverting the Constitution — Sir, it is impossible I can ever be actuated by motives unworthy of your Royal approbation, or that I can ever feel for your Royal Highness, any other sentiments than those which are dictated by the most loyal, and most grateful attachment; Feeling, the full force and value of these impressions, it will henceforth be my pride as well as duty to demonstrate on all occasions the sincerity with which I have the honor to subscribe myself with the profoundest humility,

Sir

Your Royal Highness's

most dutiful, most faithful
and ever devoted Noble Servant

William Augustus Miles