

Marquis of Buckingham to H. R. A.

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Sir

Stowe Sept. 27  
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I am this moment honoured with your Royal Highness's letter of the 25<sup>th</sup>; & I entreat you to believe me deeply sensible of your goodness, in condescending to honour me with a letter on every account so very valuable to me. I have always felt the truest pride, in reflecting upon your Royal Highness's great condescension, in permitting me to receive you, with attentions very short indeed of those, which were due to you; but which you were so good as to accept, as marks of my endeavour, to acknowledge the

very high honour, I received: but I feel this last mark of your  
goodness most sensibly; & am little able to acknowledge it as I ought:  
for the assurances of the kind partiality, with <sup>which</sup> you condescend to  
view my sense of making every sentiment of duty, respect, & esteem  
me (to add) of attachment to you, will be always cherished in  
my recollection, with the sincerest gratitude. I should have set off for  
Ombresley to receive your Royal Highness's commands in person; but  
that I am detained by having fixed Saturday for a publick

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meeting of the Lieutenantcy & Magistracy, in obedience to the King's commands, for carrying the Local Militia act into execution: & having been absent from Stowe, & in work for the last month, I had deferred much of the details to these last days, which have been fully employed on this very necessary business: but this will all be finished on Monday, & I shall then look with the most anxious impatience, for the opportunity of acknowledging that condescending kindness, so peculiarly the leading feature of the character of the Prince of Wales, in the high station which he dignifies, but still

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more amiably marked, in the milder scenes of his private life.  
I will endeavour Sir to obey your commands, & will only beg your  
permission to retain in my house, those of my own family, who may  
be with me at the time I am honored by your presence; & I entreat  
your Royal Highness to accept my grateful thanks, for your goodness  
to my son George. I have the honor to be with the highest duty  
gratitude, & attachment,  
Sir Your Royal Highness's  
Very devoted faithful & Obedient Servant  
James Buckingham