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Bloomsbury Square  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 1811. } 4<sup>th</sup> Clock  
P. M.

My Dear Friend.

I was in the act of writing to You  
when Sheridan's Note by the Prince's  
Command was delivered to me -  
to which I replied in such haste  
that my note was perhaps neither  
very legible or very intelligible -  
I therefore proceed now with more  
deliberation to state that I received  
no Command to make a part of  
the Prince's State - and did not  
apprehend it to be fit that the

Chancellor

John Mac Mahon Esq  
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Chancellor of the Duchy should  
attend upon the State of the  
Regent - That Seal being now  
connected with the Regency -  
and this change constituting  
the distinction between this  
day & that upon which I  
attended when the Communi-  
cation for acceptance was  
made by the Delegates from  
the Two Houses.

The Note from Sheridan  
contains

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contains an intimation, for the first time that it was the Prince's intention graciously to confer on me as the first act of His Regency the Honour of Privy Counsellor. A Mark which would have been greatly enhanced in value by the spontaneous & un-communicated source from which it flowed - And as the mere Act of the Prince's kind Consideration towards me could not have been otherwise than most highly prized by me, and for which my most sincere  
and

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and most Humble Thanks &  
most grateful acknowledgements  
are now due - But when I  
explain that I must by accepting  
that honour have given up  
my Office of Counsel to the  
East India<sup>Co</sup> & the Professional  
Practice which I still retain at  
the Bar of the House of Lords  
and that of the Privy Council  
that in this I must have abridged  
my income by not less a sum  
than £2000 a Year - that  
While

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While I continue my pursuits  
and residence in this Country  
this abridgement of income  
would be inconvenient to  
me - I should have been reduced  
to a sad dilemma to have  
on the instant been compelled  
to accept the Honour intended  
for me in a manner so  
flattering & gracious -

If I have made a mistake  
in not attending as part of  
the Poems State I know  
His

His Goodness & Condescension  
will pardon the Error, & that  
I shall be permitted through your  
leave, & hereafter, by myself, to  
explain myself on both those  
points - which are of small  
importance <sup>and</sup> the present object  
of the Consideration of His  
Royal Highness except to  
myself -

I am My dear Friend  
with the Greatest  
Respect & Reverence  
Yours Ever  
William Adam