

Lord Cowper,
Florence. — 20. Nov. 1704.

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Dear Sir

I take the liberty of presenting to your Majesty
the picture of Raphael done by himself, of which
there is a fair in London done by Charles
Townley: it has been admired by every body,
particularly by the late Car^l King, who
wished to purchase it of me for his
Catholick Majesty: I flatter myself that your
Majesty will be graciously pleased to accept
it with his usual clemency and goodness.
I have another small box of miniatures of the
Florentine gallery, which I shall have the honour

to present to your Majesty next spring in person,
as my departure from hence is fixed for that time...
I hope your Majesty will not think me too
presumptuous, if I request once more one of the
four vacant blue ribbons, or at least the next that
vacates: I am very conscious of my little merits
to deserve so distinguished a mark of your Royal
favour, but rely entirely upon your Majesty's goodness.
I have the honour to be with the greatest submission
and respect
Sir

Flourney 20th Nov^r
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Your Majesty's most dutiful
and subject
Pope