

Most gracious Sovereign

Impressed with a deep sense of Gratitude,  
Permit me to lay my humble Tribute of Thanks  
at your Majesty's Feet, in acknowledgement  
of the many Favours your Majesty has been  
graciously pleased to confer upon me, particu-  
-cularly for this last, which was greatly enhanced  
by the honour your Majesty attached to it,  
of its being bestowed upon an Old Friend; If an  
inviolable & sincere Attachment to your Majesty  
can give any man Pretensions to that honourable  
Title, I am, & shall ever be ready to step forth  
& hope to retain it to my dying day.

Relying upon your Majesty's goodness, &  
influenced by Parental affection, Permit me  
humbly to solicit your Majesty's Patronage  
in behalf of my eldest Son, a young man, whose  
conduct your Majesty has been graciously  
pleased to approve, & to do him Justice, He  
has never deviated from the Paths of Virtue  
and Honour. A considerable part of his  
Property lies at Bristol & the Environs;

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a situation in that neighbourhood, would therefore  
 be most eligible, as He is frequently under the  
 necessity of going down to look into his concerns,  
 The Promise of a Stall in that Cathedral, would  
 I am certain be most acceptable, provided it met  
 with your Majesty's Approbation,

This Request I humbly Submit to your  
 Majesty's Consideration, & that your  
 Majesty's health which seems at present  
 to be so much reestablished, may never again  
 be impaired, is the most sincere wish, and  
 the most fervent Prayer of

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful  
 and most devoted  
 Servant  
 Aaron Hayes

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Mr H. Payne.  
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