

Edward Adolphus Seymour 9th Duke
of Somerset.

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My Dear Lord,

M. Bradley }
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A Thousand Thanks to Your
Lordship, for being so good to communicate to
The King, the exact situation I am in, in respect
to the Small Pox; Who I am extremely obliged to for His
great goodness, & condescension, by His Indulgence:
If I had taken the advice His Majesty was so good to give
me, about four, or five & twenty Years ago; I had done right,
but now being in my 65th Year, & having no Views, it's too
late in the day for me, ever to think again of entering
into public Life. As the American Affairs,
may probably be debated in the House, I take it for granted,
it will end as usual in a little Wind-Music, which may
cause You to take a Dance from the Fire-place below the
Bar; & evaporate as usual: Would to God, you had my
Proxy in your Pocket! I remain, th the greatest Respect,
and Esteem,

D. S.

I hope my Cousin Rob. Conway
has not been taken in by Ambrose
Awdry; who has taken in
some Scores, in the Neighbourhood
of Seend.

Your Affectionate Cousin
and truly obliged Servant

Somerset

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