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Burlington Street Thursday

Sir

With the utmost respect and humility I venture to implore Your Majesty's pardon for the liberty I am now taking, which nothing but a high sense of duty to Your Majesty, as well as humanity towards my friend, could enable me to presume upon.

On my arrival in Town find Mrs Campbell's health much affected by the various feelings which have agitated her of late arising from her deep sense of Your Majesty's goodness to her, the hurry of her spirits has brought on so considerable a degree of fever, that I much fear her sinking under

it, unless at this moment she may through  
Your Majesty's indulgence be allowed a  
short interval, to calm her mind, & recruit  
her strength sufficiently, to enable her to  
perform that duty, on which she would  
now enter with cheerfulness, but from the  
fear of her strength failing, of which she  
has more cause of apprehension at this  
time of year, than at any other

M<sup>rs</sup> Campbell is perfectly ignorant of  
the step I am now taking, therefore should  
it unfortunately incur Your Majesty's  
displeasure I have only to entreat she may  
not be involved in so great a misfortune  
by the presumption of her friend  
With the most profound humility

I remain  
Your Majesty's Grateful & Dutiful Subject, Ser.<sup>t</sup>  
Maria Schester