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Sir,

Your Majesty's known Humanity  
and Benevolence, will I flatter myself  
plead my excuse for presuming humbly to  
make known to your Majesty, the very distress'd  
situation in which I at present feel myself,  
owing most assuredly in the first instance  
to my own Folly and Imprudence, of which  
I can with great Truth assure you Sir, I  
have sufficiently repented, and for which  
I hope your Majesty will think I have  
been sufficiently punished, by having  
been four years banish'd in Solitude  
from the Society of the World. And before  
returning to it I made every Compensation

to my creditors, which the settlement of my Estate would permit of. My present and immediate distress, I can with the same truth assure you Sir, has by no means arisen from the same cause, but from my having been led into it, and by my believing myself to be possessed of an income which I never saw. It would be trespassing too much on your Majesty's time for me to presume to enter into an explanation of that affair at large, but Mr Townshend to whom I have long had the honour of being known, and who is perfectly informed of the whole transaction, will if your Majesty is pleased to lay your Commands on him, fully state it. And I hope after having had the honour of serving your Majesty nine years in the Guards and fourteen at the Green Cloth, I believe I may add without vanity, with the approbation of those under

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whom I served, your Majesty will be graciously  
 pleased to take my melancholy situation into your  
 consideration. I am very sensible Sir, that an applica-  
 tion of this nature to your Majesty, ought in course  
 to be made thro Lord Shelburne, but as the intimacy  
 I have had the honour of living in with Mr Townshend,  
 makes my situation more fully known to him, than  
 it possibly can be to his Lordship, I have taken the  
 liberty of begging him to submit it, together with  
 my humble request to your Majesty, which deviation  
 from the common course of business, will not I hope  
 be deem'd disrespectful either to your Majesty  
 or to Lord Shelburne, as I have followed that  
 method of laying myself at your Majestys Feet,  
 sincerely for the reason which I have had the honour

of mentioning. May I beg leave to assure your  
Majesty, that in every moment of my Life, and  
on every occasion, you will ever find me with the  
most sincere and profound Respect,

Sir,  
Your Majesty's  
Most Devoted and  
Dutiful Humble Servant  
A. Gilmour.

Mr Gilmour  
August 30 1792