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To the King's most excellent Majesty.

Sir

I humbly beg leave to throw myself at your Majesty's feet & to entreat your Royal indulgence, ^{for} the liberty of this address.

The late events here will, I flatter myself, in some measure plead my apology.

The ambition of your Majesty's approbation & the fear of your displeasure operate so powerfully on my mind that I can not resist the opportunity which now offers of conveying to your Royal hands, the inclosed paper, which is a copy of my last letter to the Earl of Hillsborough, whose friendship for me would have induced him to lay it before your Majesty. It contains a faithful representation of the impressions made upon me by the Nabob's conduct,

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conduct; Mine, however it may be represented, will
I trust, be found to be such as becomes a good Englishman,
a disinterested Servant of the East India Company &
a most faithful & devoted Subject of your Majesty.

Your gracious & repeated condescension to me encourages
me to hope for your Majesty's pardon on this occasion
& for your favorable acceptance of those sentiments of
the most profound respect & firmest attachment with
which I am,

Sir

your Majesty's most humble
& most dutiful Subject & Servant

Macartney

Fort St George November 1st 1782.

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Lord Macartney
15 March 1782