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Sir,

I was amazingly surpris'd this morning at the return of Hunter, whom I did not flatter myself to see before this day week. How can I enough express to Your Majesty, both my feelings, and Gratitude, for the very affectionate part you have taken, both upon my Illness and recovery; thank God, that is now quite complicated; but I shall nevertheless ever more think it my Duty from the very gracious injunctions you have laid upon me to take every possible care of my health. I have also received a most affectionate letter from my Mother, but who still obstinately denies her being ill. She ordered Hunter to tell me that he saw her at breakfast, and y^t. she was quite well. Indeed Sir both from your accounts, and from others, I cannot flatter myself

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myself with her recovery. I received at the
time another letter from your Majesty
which has shocked me ^{beyond} expression, His life
has been a series of follies, and inconsistencies
sure Sir your message ^{by} Deaker is very
kind, but I fear the lady herself ^{has} been
the whole manager, and will by no means
agree to his coming home. It is still more
aggravating the manner the papers speak
of it, as if the Brother had rather insisted
upon it. The subject is too disagreeable
to dwell. I must once more thank you
for all your goodness to me, and for your Genero-
sity to Charlton who is thoroughly grateful
indeed. May I beseech you Sir to present
my humble to the Queen, with my Grateful
thanks for her goodness to me upon this
occasion

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occasion. Desaguliers in a letter to Hay-
wood, mentions the bumper you was
so gracious to give him.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most Dutiful Subject
& Brother
William Henry

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