

William Henry
Duke of Gloucester
to
The Prince of Wales

[No. the King]

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Sir

Being informed that your Majesty has by a late Statute added the Princes to the number of Knights of the Garter, may I venture to represent to you that in the St. Esprit, The Kings Brothers Children, and also the three Princes of the Blood are accepted to the order at a stated age. The Brothers children of the Emperor have all in their Infancy the *Toison D'or*.

As the only person in my Rank so situated, I feel it my duty to lay this before your Majesty, not making any request, but

flattering myself that if your Majesty upon reflection sees this matter in the same light, I may have the satisfaction to see my Son who is now going of Eleven years upon the same footing of the Brothers Children of other Sovereigns; At the same time that I shall feel most sensibly the mark of goodness from your Majesty, as it will shew the world that I have not lost your favor.

W. H.

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June 28th 1786

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