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Most Gracious Sovereign

May I once more presume to implore Your Royal Condescension, and that You will permit me Royal Sire to repeat my former Requests humbly submitted to Your Majesty to confer on me the Dignity of Peerage. It is with the utmost Deference I again presume with all possible Humility to represent that upwards of Twenty Years are elapsed since I received a most Gracious Answer from Your Majesty, wherein I was encouraged to hope that Your Majesty's Goodness in granting me that High Honour would be extended to me, as it has been to many of

Your Subjects, none of whom I may venture to assert has a more invariable Attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person, Family and Government, or would delight more in testifying his Gratitude on all Occasions should Your Majesty be graciously pleased to grant me the Dignity of a Baron of This Realm on the Present Creation.

It would be presumptuous in me, to say any thing of myself, my Fortune or Family but if Your Majesty's Gracious Condescension should extend to any Enquiry into the Latter I flatter myself it will be found among the most ancient in Scotland possessed in the earliest Ages of the Castle and Barony of Methven near Perth, removed from that Kingdom on account of its Zeal in the Cause of the Protestant Religion and by the Favour of Queen Elizabeth planted in the West of England, where it has produced Persons who have eminently distinguish'd themselves in the Service of their King and Country. I

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should be unwilling to omit the peculiar circumstances of my maternal descent being descended from Coheirs of the two noble families of Lucas and Scarsdale who had both English Peerages and both equally Loyal to their Sovereign in the time of the Great Rebellion.

I throw myself at Your Majesty's Feet for Protection, It being my utmost Wish and Ambition to be deem'd and to prove myself

May it please Your Majesty

Your Majesty's

Most Dutyful and Loyal Subject

And most Devoted Servant

Paul Methuen

London

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