

Dictated by Lord Chatham to Lady Chatham
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Lord Chatham begs to lay himself with all Duty and Submission
at The Kings Feet, and most humbly to intreat His Majesty in his
great Benignity and Goodness to pardon His Servant the presuming to
employ another's hand to express to His Majesty his Obedience and
Submission to His Majesty's most gracious Commands, extreme Weakness
and Illness rendering it totally impossible for him to use his Pen-
understanding last Night, by a Letter from the Duke of Grafton,
your Majesty's most gracious Pleasure with regard to a disabled,
and, as he fears, useless Servant, acquainted his Grace with his
most humble Acquiescence to the Expedient propos'd under your
Majesty's most gracious Approbation.

He has only to implore that your Majesty in your great

Companion will beign to receive his most humble assurances
of Unfeign'd Zeal for your Majesty's Service.

Hye Jan^{ry} 23^d 1768

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