

To the Right Honourable S^r George Lee Knight
 The Humble Petition of John Marshall of Leicester Fields and
 Mary his Wife Linnen Draper and Milliner,

Sheweth

That your Petitioners having had the Honour of being Employed on several Occasions for the Children of her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales in the Capacity of a Milliner thereby became acquainted with M^{rs} De Chair one of the Dressers to the Princess Augusta That M^{rs} De Chair used frequently to send one Jane Mary Elizth Mollier on Messengers to your Petitioners whereby she frequently heard your Petitioners complain for want of convenient Repositories for several Articles in which your Petitioners Trade whereupon she informed your Petitioners that M^{rs} De Chair had an Apartment in her Royal Highness's Palace of which she made no use And that your Petitioners might Deposit anything therein till your Petitioners met with some other Conventiency whereupon your Petitioners sent several Quantities of Lace and other Goods to the Amount of 400^l and upwards into the said Apartment to which your Petitioners had Access with the Consent and Approbation of M^{rs} De Chair,

That M^{rs} De Chair lately has discharged the said M^{rs} Mollier from her Service and taken from her the Keys of the Apartment where your Petitioners Goods were And your Petitioners have applied to M^{rs} De Chair in order to have the said Goods delivered up to them which she admitted to be in her Custody and Power and Promised to do But on a subsequent Application she has refused to do unless your Petitioners will pay her the Sum of 150^l or some such considerable Sum of Money which she alledges to be due to her from her late Servant M^{rs} Mollier And also refuses to pay to your Petitioners their Bills for Goods sold her to the Amount of 22^l and upwards By means whereof your Petitioners are put under the utmost Distress and Difficulties and must be Inevitably Ruined and Reduced to Poverty and Want

That your Petitioners have been advised to lay a State of their Unhappy Case before her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales praying that she wd. take the same into her Royal and gracious Consideration and to give your Petitioners such Relief as her Royal Highness ~~shall think fit~~ great Goodness & known Compassion for the Distressed sh^d. seem meet, which they have accordingly done,

That since the Presenting this Petition your Petitioners have been informed that her Royal Highness has referred the same to the Hon^{ble} Mr. Bathurst who has enquired into the Affair on the part of M^{rs} De Chair And thereupon made his Report to her Royal Highness without giving your Petitioners an Opportunity of laying their Proofs before him to verify their Allegations in their Petition whereby your Petitioners have Represented to her Royal Highness as very Odious and Detestable People and as very unfit to be any longer Employed for her Royal Highness's Household and that her Royal Highness has signified her Pleasure that they should be no longer Employed therein,

That your Petitioners have the Honour of being known and employed for a considerable Number of the first Quality and Personages of Distinction who have been long acquainted with them and who are ready upon Occasion to speak to your Petitioners Character and Behaviour

That as you have the Honour Sir of holding the Office of Treasurer to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales to whose Advice she pays the greatest

Esteem and Regard And from your known ^{to the King} Compassion and Benevolence towards the
Distressed Your Petitioners are encouraged ^{to lay} this their Unfortunate Case before your
Honour,

And most humbly pray you would take this their Misfortune into
Consideration and Represent the same unto her Royal Highness the
Princess of Wales in such manner as to your Honour shall seem
most and that your Petitioners may not continue under the
Displeasure of her Royal Highness but that they may have an
Opportunity to Exculpate themselves from any Accusations they
are charged with ^{And} Your Petitioners shall as in duty bound ever
pray for your Honours Prosperity and Happiness.

John Marshall
Mary Marshall