

To George Lee Esq.^r Treasurer to Her Roy.^l Highness
The Princess of Wales.

The Memorial of Francis Thompson, Clerk to
James Douglas Esq.^r & Sir John Cust.

Sheweth

That your Memorialist in the Year 1726. was a
junior Clerk under Mr. Powell, then Clerk of the Kitchen to His
Present Majesty, at that time, Prince of Wales. On His Royal
Highness's coming to the Crown, he was Clerk in His Majesty's
Clerk of the Kitchens Office on the Establishment.

In the Year 1736, he was recommended by Mr. Powell to His Roy.^l
Highness, to be Clerk to His Clerk of the Kitchen, & His Roy.^l High-
ness was graciously pleas'd to order him a Warrant, which bears Date the
third Day of August 1736

Your Memorialist immediately quitted His Majesty's Service,
[which if he had not] his Income would have been, for some Years past
Two Hundred Pounds £ Ann^d, and according to Seniority advanc'd.

In 1737. His Roy.^l Highness's Family was reduc'd & no Clerk wanted,
to the Clerk of the Kitchen; His Roy.^l Highness then mention'd
him to Mr. Douglas & he was appointed his Clerk.

In the Year 1739 Application was made, on account of
his small income, & His Roy.^l Highness order'd him a Warrant
to be Purveyor of Butter, Eggs &c.

A Memorial to this Effect, was presented by Mr. Douglas
to His late Roy.^l Highness, about two Years since, at which Time
Mr. Grove Clerk of the Kitchen was in so bad a State of Health

that it was thought he could not recover.

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays^{ly} that in Consideration of his loss of income by quitting His Maj. Service & his hopes of rising there, that in case of the Death, or removal of Mr. Grove, he may succeed to the Office of Clerk of the Kitchen & Chandry at the Salary of 200 ^l Ann, without any pretention to the ^l400 allow'd him by His Late Roy. Highness

That for his Integrity & Diligence, he refers his Character to Mr. Douglas & Sir John Cust & for his Ability in that Post, to Mr. Powell Clerk of the Accatry to His Majesty. All which is humbly submitted

Francis Thompson.

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Petition from Francis
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