

Sir

Her Royal Highness having sent me orders to attend Her at five, she was pleased to acquaint me that Mr Bludworth had just attended Her with notice of Mr Douglas's death.

Her Royal Highness commanded me to inform you of this, & that she desired you would see Mr Pelham to morrow by all means least some solicitation should be made previous to your acquainting him with the news that Sir John Cust succeeding to this Employment. The Dowager would not willingly

have any thing of this nature  
happen, & therefore is very earnest  
that you should certainly see Mr  
Pelham to morrow morning.

In case an absolute negative  
should be put up on Sir John Cuth,  
which however Her Royal Highness  
hopes may not be, there are  
two persons the Princeps thinks  
of Mr Masham & Sir Edward  
Thomas, the first I have  
reason to believe the Ministers  
will have no objection to, & I  
have in command to acquaint  
you that Sir John is first to be  
proposed as being a most useful  
servant, but in case he is rejected  
you are at liberty to propose

The others, & then ~~last~~ I  
write in obedience to Her Royal  
Highness's Commands.

What I have now to add is  
only a promise which you  
will take no further notice of  
than as you may judge it  
judicial & fit <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ service.  
Supposing Mr. John Cuth is  
not allowed of, which I hope  
he will be, as no other can  
be so useful in that Employ-  
ment, it occurs to me that in  
case Mr. Moskham would  
accept of it, he would be ye  
next useful man, as being  
a man of Business, & then  
either Mr. Moskham, or Mr. Edmund

might be paid for General,  
which may be executed by either  
the very capable & experienced  
Clerk as Mr Montague says,  
but whether Mr Montague  
would think the additional Salary  
a Compensation I know not, but  
I do know that if he thinks the  
place fit for him, he is fit for  
the place. all this is only for your  
consideration in case Mr John  
Crest is out of the Question, but  
I truly hope he will be accepted  
of & then all will go regularly.  
I beg the favour of a line that  
I may inform Mr W. early  
whether you can see Mr Pelham  
as she desires to see you  
alleged your own as her & his  
commend all to the recommendation  
him I am with respect  
I must be so towards  
your most obedt  
James Orelt