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Sir

As you have so much business during the term I have not troubled you with a visit, & will differ it till next week. But I then shall think it necessary to speak to you, & desire your advice, & I believe you will be of opinion as soon as Sir John Cust returns that he may overlook all things again, as I am persuaded he is a Gentleman of great worth & Honour, & truly disinterested, I am afraid that is not always the case, & that most people are a little too much affected to their private interests, or connexions. I find Mr Godfrey very partial to Groves, & thinks he is hardly dealt with, tho' I believe none of those Persons who examined into his demands thought his former Salary by any means reasonable, nor suitable to his Employment, & surely it must appear demonstrably preposterous that a subordinate officer such as Clerk of the Kitchen should have 600 Salary & his expenses more 500 only, tho' this is as large a one as that of the King's Chamberlain.

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-ment I mean as to salary, & upon the whole surely 300  
 a year with the perquisites of another nature which he has  
 all represent. Mr Godfrey criticizes much I hear upon the  
 warrant, which has been drawn up in the form you approved  
 of & Poor Mr Douglas communicated to me, that I don't  
 quite understand that Mr Godfrey by this being a Clerk  
 has any thing to do with the warrants, which I believe  
 none of my Deceivers wants admitt of, & this in  
 particular was a firm agreed upon (as I was told) by  
 you self & the board of Greenclath, & as such trans-  
 mitted to me. I do not like people over busy, especially  
 where they have nothing to do, & I believe it is right  
 for to keep every one in a due subordination, the want  
 of which I fear made things go so wrong in the Poor God-  
 sake Dances home, & it is my opinion from a long expe-  
 -rience, & a pretty dear bought one, that good looking after  
 many people is no bad method to keep them in proper  
 bounds, & prevent their abusing of good nature. When I have  
 the honour to see you I shall be more particular. I am with  
 respect

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Your most obedient  
 & most humble servant.  
 James Oxbelt

