

To the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> Doctor Lee Treasurer To Her Royal Highness  
The Princess of Wales, & to the Hon.<sup>ble</sup> The Clerks of Her Household.

Sirs,

I find by the Warrant orderd for me by Mr.<sup>r</sup> Douglas that I am to have but 300<sup>l</sup> annum, out of which I am to pay my Clerk 50, & Poundage 15, so that there will remain for me but 35<sup>l</sup> in lieu of Lodgings & Diet &c.

Mr.<sup>r</sup> Douglas told me that I was to have 300<sup>l</sup> neat, & that he had used his utmost Endeavours, but could not get any more for me, therefore, I was obliged to submit, my present circumstances not permitting<sup>my</sup> to retire on my Salary. He never mentiond my paying either Clerk or Poundage, neither did I know of it till I saw the Warrant. He likewise told me, that if I retired with my Salary, my Successor was to have 200<sup>l</sup>, & that there would then be a saving of 200<sup>l</sup> to The Princess. I hope there can be no reason given why I should not have the 200<sup>l</sup>, if I continue & do the duty, for my Integrity is unblemishd, & I shall apply my self as strenuously for Her R.<sup>e</sup> Service, as any other that could be put in my place. Besides, 'twas me that formd the present method of accompts, & believe there are not any to be found more compleat than those in my Office, and hope that all my care & study in forming them is <sup>not</sup> to be given to another, & my self loose the advantage, so long as I continue in the Service.

It will be imposible for me to subsist on so slender an Allowance as that mention'd in the Warrant, and is not one quarter of what I had when the place was devidid, & then, I did but half the duty Mr.<sup>r</sup> Holland, & I, had 200<sup>l</sup> p. annum each, & Mr.<sup>r</sup> Breewood was continu'd asistant at 20<sup>l</sup> & Jos. Ingall Servant in the Office at 20<sup>l</sup> more. When Mr.<sup>r</sup> Holland was turn'd out, His Royal Highness gave me the whole 400<sup>l</sup>, as a recompense for my behav'our to Mr.<sup>m</sup> Douglas, & for the injury I rec<sup>d</sup>. by being displac'd & left to my Salary, by a dirty combination of Holland, & Shivers, at the time



when His Highness left St. Jameses, tho he had then but 50,000<sup>l</sup>  
per annum.

The same allowance per Dish was given as is now agreed on and  
I saved out of it a considerable sum yearly. therefore, I  
hope, I shall not have less indulgence from the Prince, than  
I had in the lowest Ebb of the Prince's fortune.

The Pages are allow'd 90<sup>l</sup> for Lodgings & Diet & Mr. Reynolds  
70<sup>l</sup> and all these have other advantages arising from their  
Posts. Besides, my Post is of a higher rank, & requires great  
care & integrity, as well as a constant attendance.

What I humbly desire is my Salary, with an allowance of  
200<sup>l</sup> for Lodgings & Diet &c. which will make 400<sup>l</sup> out of which  
I am willing to pay my Clerk 30<sup>l</sup> as before, the poundage,  
& then there will remain (near) to me 350, which will be 50<sup>l</sup>  
less than I had when there was a partner, & I did but half  
the business, & there was no poundage paid out of the 400<sup>l</sup>  
at this rate, there will be a saving to His Highness of 250<sup>l</sup> ann.

If I am so unhappy as to be deny'd the above request,  
I hope His Royal Highness will give me some consideration  
out of the savings at the end of the Year.

I am Sirs

Your most Obedt<sup>l</sup>  
Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

John Grove

June 29<sup>th</sup> 1751.



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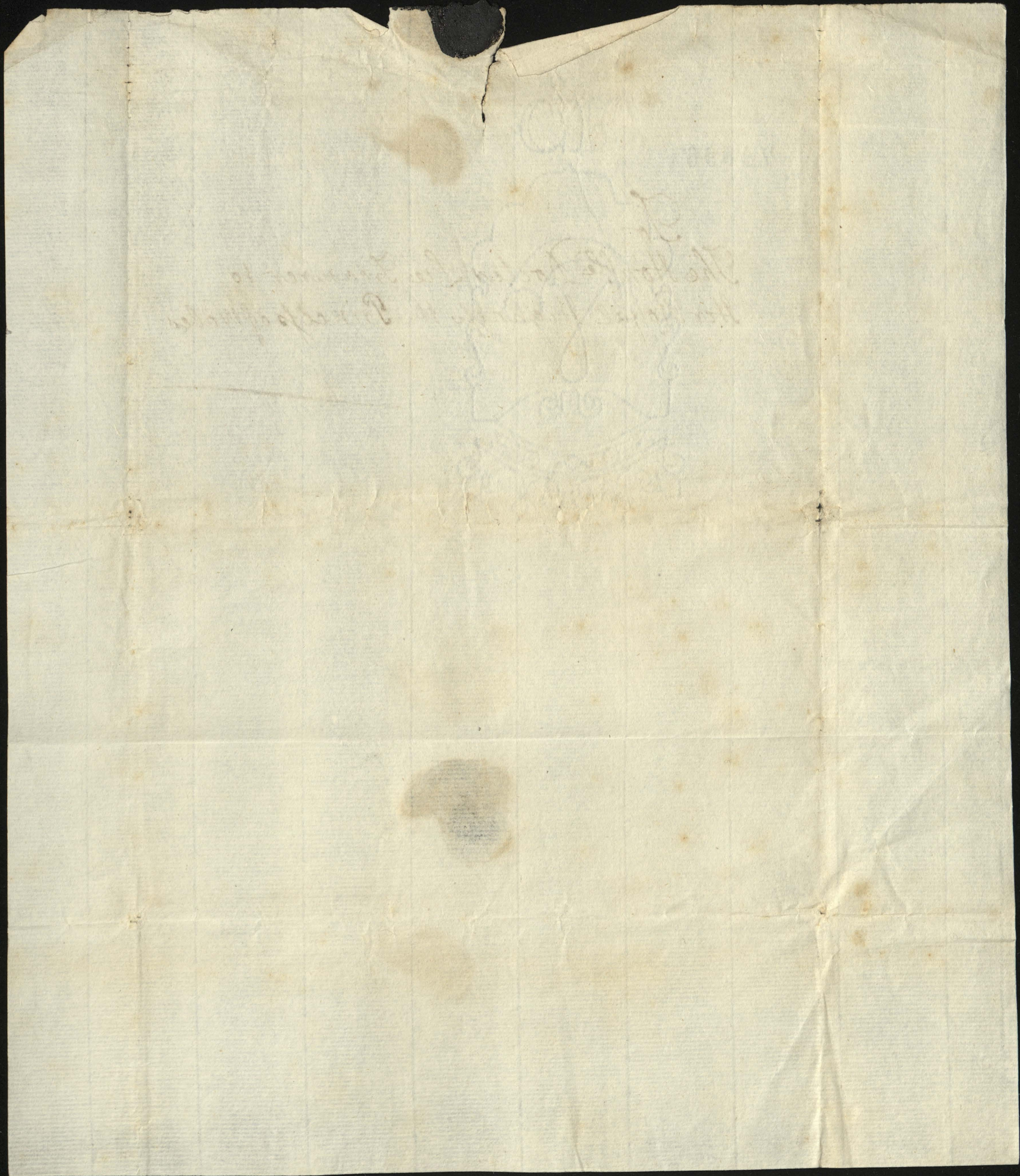
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To  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Doctor Lee Treasurer to  
Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales

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