

Samuel Foote

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To the Kings most excellent  
Majesty

The humble petition of Samuel  
Foote one of his Majesty's Servants  
most humbly sheweth.

That your Majesty was most gracious  
ly pleas'd at the intercession of his late  
Royal Highness the Duke of York and  
in compassion to a misfortune occur-  
-red by your petitioners attendance  
on his Royal Highness, to grant him  
a Patent, for opening a Theatre from  
the middle of May, to the middle of  
September, being a Season, when  
from the thinness of the Town, and  
the warmth of the Weather, no other  
Theatre would venture to open.



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That from your petitioners productions, and personal Labour, he has been enabled to erect a Theatre, and hitherto support with credit, not only your Majestys Servants under his direction, but to furnish the other Theatres with Dramatic Materials, of which they have not been sparing  
but the public Diversions during his Season are so multiplyd, and the exhibitions of the other Theatres particularly that of Drury Lane protracted to so unusual a Length: that your petitioner from his advanced time of life is, <sup>unable</sup> to engage any performers, as if, from illness, or any other accident: he should be disabled from acting himself. he must be inevitably ruin'd



your petitioner therefore humbly  
hopes, especially too as after Christmas  
the other Theatres constantly overflow  
that your Majesty out of your great  
goodness would be most graciously  
pleas'd to extend the time limited by  
the patent already granted by your  
Majesty to

Your Majesty's most  
Loyal and most  
Devoted Subject and Servant  
Sam: Foote

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