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July 20 1759

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Sir

I beg leave to lay myself at Your Majesty's
feet, humbly to offer up a petition in the
Survey of which I feel extremely interested;
While this Country remain'd in tranquillity,
I thought my time best employ'd in acquiring
a thorough knowledge of all Matters
peculiarly suited to my situation; but now
that every part of the Nation is arming
for its defence, I cannot bear the thoughts

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of continuing in this inactive state.

When Your Majesty's Kingdoms are
threaten'd, a quiet retreat ill becomes my birth
& station.

Permit me therefore humbly to request of
Your Majesty to give me an opportunity of
convincing the World that I am neither
unworthy of My high situation, nor of the
blood that fills my Veins; Your Majesty's

known Valour will diffuse its influence on My
head, & make the presence of Your Grandson
an encouragement to Your People, a terror to
the Enemy, & join'd to his own resolution, may
in some measure supply his want of experience
in Military Affairs, & enable him to support
with dignity the post of danger, which he
esteems the post of honour.

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I earnestly beseech of Your Majesty to receive
this humble request with Your accustomed
goodness. I intended to have made it in person
on Tuesday, but too great an assembly kept me
silent, & the fear of that returning sedition
to the necessity of having recourse in this
manner to Your Majesty's favour & indulgence
I remain

Sir

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful, most humble
& most obedient Grandson, Subject & Servant

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