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London March 35<sup>th</sup> 1778.

Sir

The object your Majesty was pleased to direct me to take into consideration has never been a moment out of my mind since I received your Royal commands; the more I consider it the more I feel its importance & extent and my own insufficiency to execute so great a charge as that of superintending the education of the two eldest Princes of your Majesty's Royal family. I am in the fifty third year of my age, and cannot expect that my infirmities will diminish or my talents increase at that time of life; in the real persuasion therefore that the weight of

so important a charge is too heavy for me to sustain, I most humbly implore Your Majesty once more to resolve the matter in your Royal mind and to seek out some person more capable of carrying into execution the noble plan your Majesty was pleased to open to me; as I have not yet availed myself of the permission I so graciously received of consulting the Archbishop of York the secret is still entire & will ever be the silent pride of my life.

But if contrary to expectation your Majesty should still persist in commanding my Service I must, I will obey, and endeavour by zeal and fidelity, to supply want of capacity; in the firm reliance that your Majesty will grant me that countenance and support that alone can enable me to do my duty; and tho' I feel in it's full extent the sacrifice of exchanging a life of independent leisure for one of anxious and constant

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constant assiduity, no private consideration however great, can outweigh my unalterable and dutifull attachment to your Royal person, my respectfull veneration for the exemplary and aimable virtues of the Queen, and my prophetick hopes of the rising genius of the Royal Offspring.

with these sentiments I have the honour to be with the most profound respect

Sir

Your Majesty's

most Loyal Subject  
most Dutifully devoted  
Servant

Halderness

Prof. W. H. Rindge  
London March 11, 1871.