

W. H. to the Honourable Sir

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The letter that accompanies this from Lord Holderness so fully embraces every light in which I view Your care of delicacy in the thought of wanting to retire from a post that every day's experience adds to my conviction of Your being most exactly calculated for; that little is necessary for me to add on the occasion; but on a step which would so greatly perplex if not entirely destroy the judicious composition of the establishment for the education of my Children I cannot choose to leave You ignorant of my desire that You may not indulge an opinion so detrimental to my sons. When You are so thoroughly apprized of my sentiments I trust You will either entirely relinquish this measure or at least defer it until those who are equally as much interested in the success of Lord Holderness's endeavours to educate my Children can see this in the light You have encouraged Yourself to do; but should You still persist in what some moment of less spirit or of calm reflection has suggested, I fear the most candid will attribute it to obstinacy not delicacy, ~~and~~ ~~Your sentiments of~~ ~~honour must permit the undersigned any difficulty rather than~~ ~~having the conduct~~ This July 25th 1772. Gth.

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*Copy to Mr. Smith
New York 25. 11. 1870.*