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Sir

The fresh mark I receive of your Majesty's most gracious condescension excites in my breast the deepest sense of respect Duty and gratitude; I submit with cheerfull hope of amendment to your Majesty's orders and the advice of my Physician, yet I cannot conceal from myself that infirmities of age are coming upon me, and of a nature to make me less fit to do my duty to your Royal Children; as yet Sir the path is sure and safe before me, Your Majesty's support and the excellent
Hearts

hearts of Their Royal Highnesses leave me
 nothing to fear; but the dangerous critical
 moment of the rising passions is approaching
 when I ought to see, hear, & observe the
 minutest circumstance, ready to counteract or
 resist insidious influence or poisonous insinuations,
 then Sir every sense ought to be in activity
 and perfection; but such is my resignation to
 Your Majesty's pleasure that I never will
 henceforward exercise judgement upon my
 own demerits; You Sir shall decide upon
 them, Your Majesty will see what I am at
 my return from my present excursion
 and the ensuing years of a life devoted
 to Your Royal person and family, Your
 Majesty will judge and shall determine How

long

long I may be fit to remain where
 Your Royal confidence has placed me,
 in the firm persuasion that Paternal
 tenderness to your children & concern
 for the welfare of your people will
 never suffer Your Majesty to listen
 to your partiality towards an individual
 when so material objects are at stake.

I do ^{me} Dign to believe Sir bound to Your
 sacred Majesty by every tie of duty
 and gratitude in

Your Majesty's
 most dutifully devoted
 servant and loyal subject

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 the Royal Commission has passed me
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