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Madam

Your Royal Highness having done me the honour some time ago, to ask me concerning the sentiments of the Roman Catholics of Ireland towards his Majesty, induces me to hope you will not take amiss the liberty I take of troubling you with a Letter upon that subject. - at that time I assured your Royal Highness his Majesty had not, in any part of his Dominions, Subjects more faithful, nor more firmly attach'd to his Person, & Family than they are. - since my Arrival here, & particularly since the breaking out of the Rebellion in America, I have myself taken the sense of all those within my reach, Noblemen, Gentlemen of landed properties, & others, and (together with the informations I have from the parts distant from me) I find them all firm & unanimous in their affection & attachment to his Majesty's Person, Family, Crown, & Dignity, deeply concern'd at any thing that may tend to disturb his peace either at home or abroad; & ready at any time, when he thinks proper, with their Lives & fortunes, to stand forth in his service, & against his enemies of any kind & denomination whatever. these their sentiments they earnestly wish his Majesty to be made acquainted with. but as there are many in this Country of the same stamp as those deluded people of America & equally enemies to the King & Church of England, as they are to the Roman Catholics, they wish their sentiments to be made known to his Majesty with secrecy; as, untill such time as he thinks proper that they should shew themselves openly, the divulging their

Sentiments can be of no use to the King & will only draw upon them
the revenge & persecution of the above mention'd set of people.

If I did not think it too great presumption in me to ask it, I would take
the liberty to beg of your Royal Highness to lay before his Majesty those
the Sentiments of his Roman Catholick Subjects of Ireland; it will
be conferring a great favour upon us all, which will ever be most
gratefully acknowledged.

In the last War the Roman Catholicks of Ireland offer'd to raise
Regiments of those of their persuasion for his Majesty's service, but
the Peace was soon after concluded. they are ready and willing at
any time he thinks proper to do the same.

I beg pardon for intruding so long upon your Royal Highness's time
& am with all due Respect

Madam

Your Royal Highness's

Most Dutiful, most obedient
and most humble Servant

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Her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia