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Hertford street April 26th 1776.

Sir

I am far from wondering that the conduct of Your Rebellious subjects in America abetted as they are by a detestable faction at home should have absorbed Your Majesty's thoughts and engrossed your time; were I really as equal to the arduous task Your Majesty has been pleased to impose upon me as my zeal for your Royal service is sincere you would not now Sir be disquieted by Domestick concerns, & I should have been able to direct without having recourse to Royal & Paternal authority the progress of Their Royal Highnesses Education, but unfortunately either from the insinuation of others or my own want of address I have not obtained that share of the Young Princes' ^{confidence} which alone could enable me to be of use to them; confidence Sir may be gained but

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but can never be forced nor do I see that any alteration in their present establishment however necessary I may think it upon other accounts would have the effect of gaining me an influence over them which I am sensible I never yet possessed.

I have too much experience of mankind to expect any real good to arise from exhortatory conversations, nor do I apprehend any such could ~~exist~~ with the Proceptors could remove some of the many objections I have to their mode of proceeding. upon this occasion I most humbly beg leave to remind Your Majesty that I did not presume to recommend them, the names of all those who could aspire to that Honour were laid before Your Majesty and their qualifications canvassed a choice was necessarily to be made & you for was guided in it without prejudice against those ^{who} were rejected or partiality to the person chosen.

I will now trouble your Majesty with no

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longer detail as I hope for the Honour of
being admitted to your presence whenever
it best suits your leisure, it is painfull
to me to be forced to conclude after long and
serious reflection that I am an useless
servant to Your Majesty & your Royal
children notwithstanding my zeal for the
service of both.

I have the Honour to be with the most
profound respect

Sir

Your Majesty's
most faithfull and most
loyal subject and most
dutifull servant
Holderness.

Faint, illegible handwriting in cursive script, likely a letter or document fragment. The text is mirrored across a horizontal fold line.

From your Mother's friend
John G. ...
26 Nov 76