

Sir Chas. Thompson

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Sir,

I have received the most extraordinary Mark of Favour, and the highest Honour a private Man can aspire to. for I have this Day received from your Majesty the inestimable Gift of your Picture.

As no Man can conceive the Sentiments arising in my Mind on this Event, I can trust no body, not even my Brother, to convey to your Majesty my most humble & grateful Thanks. My own Hand only ought to trace the Feelings of my Heart, tho' it can never paint what passes there. for there, I cannot but estimate this infinite Condescension of your Majesty's as an Act of your Friendship. A Word, I would not have

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allowed to escape me, so immensely great is the Distance  
between my Sovereign and me, if I did not feel your Majesty's  
most gracious Acceptance of the Force & Truth of my Devotion  
almost authorizes me to use it.

While I live, this Picture will be the Pride of my Life:  
and when I shall be no more, It will remain to after Ages a  
Memorial of the Honour I enjoyed: to my Successors in particular  
It will be a certain Incitement to endeavour to deserve from your  
Royal Line their Portion of those Distinctions your Majesty  
has been pleased to confer on me.

Another Consideration leads me to take the Liberty

of addressing myself thus directly to your Majesty.  
It is this. My Brother is overcome with the Countenance  
and Protection he daily experiences both from your  
Majesty and the Queen. It animates his Efforts, and will  
I trust insure his Success. But it is possible there may  
be something in his Conduct your Majesty may wish  
otherwise. In that Case, as I know how tender your  
Majesty is in finding Fault, the least Hint to me, I may  
venture to say shall correct it, without his ever knowing  
to whom he owes his Cure.

To Her Majesty  
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I have the Honour to be with the utmost  
Veneration and Deepest Gratitude

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful Affectionate

Most humble and Obedient

Subject and Servant

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