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How very gracious is it in you Sir, to
permit us to hope that we may sometimes be allowed
to pay our duty at Windsor where every object that can
interest the Max or the Subject must be gratified -
It is the most perfect proof of your goodness to me Sir,
that we are pleased to see my Springs of action as
they really are - from my want of power to be otherwise
useful, when I wish to be most so, I had no other object
than to prove to those whom I had had the honor
of serving that Max could be actuated by a nobler
self interest than he had of late too commonly credit
for as I thought such a principle of action must lead
in every mind to a more phasing and nobler exertion
of high Stations than the contrary, and I had no other
ambition than to merit in some degree the approbation of
that great personage for whom I felt every attachment
that public duty or the most respectful private attachment
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could inspire - thus My Sovereigns, their Sons, & my own
Conscience were the whole World to me in the question -
and if in consequence of it my Name & existence were to
have been annihilated to every other part of It, my
conduct must have been the same - But if by containing
to avoid every gracious intimation of your benevolence, my
principles of action sh^d, might be misinterpreted & of course
must lose what was so essential to the happiness of my
retreat the comfort of your private approbation - I must
have wholly fail'd in both my objects - I had therefore no
other means of obtaining them than by your being graciously
pleas'd & suggest the means. - I shall return therefore
sh^d with the most humble and at the same time the
most perfect confidence in the goodness I have experienced
and how happy sh^d must that moment prove to the
Cottagers of Langton which affords them the opportunity of
throwing themselves at the feet of those respectable
personages to whom they are so entirely & so respectfully
devoted - with what alacrity will the grateful I am

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I feel ever her utmost efforts to fly up the Steps at Windsor
& prostrate the most grateful of hearts to the Best of
Sovereigns —

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Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named subject.

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Smith

Secretary

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September 21. 1894

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