

Horace Hayes

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I have the honor to acquaint Your Majesty that Mr. Pruyser came to New York yesterday at a 2^d post two, was first set down at Mr. W. Prince's Tavern, where he had some business, & sent word that he should be with Mr. Hayes by 3 o'clock. I left home within a few minutes of that hour to go &ark him how he did; but how great was my surprise to meet him near Mr. Methold's, tolling, & riding, ready to fall every step he took, & chartered to him & the next he saw me he exclaimed (Oh! Hayes, you have taken advantage of my feeble Condition, & have drawn me into a bad scrape) I could not stay to answer him, but led him on to my house, where he was no sooner come into, then he said (These blessed Physicians have conspired together this morning for my destruction, they will not give nature fair play, & they'll wear out my Constitution by their Medicines) upon which

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he pulled out a Prescription out of his Pocket, & said there's more Poison for me. I desired him to compose himself & try to eat some dinner - In my way to Prince Ernest's I met Mr. Dundas, desired him to call at my House, & take a Prescription Mr. Bruyeres proposed sending to him in the Afternoon.

At 4 after Six I returned home, & was informed that Mr. Bruyeres grew more composed, had eaten a little bit of broiled Whiting, & a few Apples out of an Apple Tree. Took no Sleep after dinner, but went, as soon as it was dark into another room to write a Letter to your Majesty - He then desired me to call in Mr. Hayer, & with tears in his eyes, acquainted us with the result of the Doctors Consultation his total resignation, & thorough Obedience to whatever your Majesty might graciously please to Command; He wished then to go into the next room to play a Rubber at Table, & seemed tolerably Chearfull the rest of the Evening, eat

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a poached Egg for his Supper, a glass of wine and
water, & went home in his Chair at ten O'clock.
I called this morning to enquire what sort of a
night he had had, & was desired to walk in
I found him sealing the letter he has sent to
your Majesty, which he desired me to give to
the Groom, told me that he had a tolerable night
& that as his mind was now easy, he was in great
hopes the body would reap the benefit of it.
Mr. Bruges has given me an acc. of the manner
in which he proposes to dispose of his time during his
stay in England, which I shall have the honor
to lay before Your Majesty on Wednesday
and am with the most profound respects

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Your Majesty's
most dutiful
and most obedient
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Mr. Rogers
Jan 14. 1705.