

Colonel Hotham
Stanhope Street Jan. 6. 1787.

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Most highly honoured as Colonel Hotham has ever thought himself
on the King's Appointment of him to be Treasurer to His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales, he esteems it a Point of Duty to acquaint His Majesty,
by early means, of his having Yesterday ceased to be in His Royal Highness's
Establishment & Service.

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Colonel Hotham most anxiously wishing that every part of his Conduct
should be laid open to His Sovereign's Knowledge, takes the Liberty to
enclose Copies of the Letters which have passed, relating to his Conduct,
between His Royal Highness & himself, for His Majesty's Perusal; &
begs leave most humbly to add, for His clearer Information, that the
Order alluded to by His Royal Highness in the Letter marked N^o 1, was,
that Colonel Hotham's whole Chest of Money should be immediately
removed from Mr. Luttrell, to Mr. Hammersley, a Banker in Pall Mall;
which Colonel Hotham had previously, in the Month of March last,
declined the doing, for several Reasons, which he thought ought to be.

Colonel Hotham, deprived of the distinguished Situation into which
His Majesty had been pleased to place him, conscious of having done
nothing contrary to his Duty & his Honour, most humbly throws himself
at His Majesty's Feet; not doubting the Continuance of His gracious
Protection & Favour, in case, (on any farther Investigation) it should
appear to the King, that his Conduct has been consistent with Both.

The Offer made by His Royal Highness, & alluded to in Letter N^o 6,
was

was the sum of Six Thousand Pounds per Annum in case Colonel Atham
quitted His Service. - Esteeming Himself now a servant of The King's only,
Colonel Atham thinks it equally contrary to His Duty & His Reputation to
accept of any sine Cure - Pension, or Emolument, (even from The Prince of
Wales) without His Majesty's express Direction & Command; little supposing
it was His Sovereign's Intention, on His first gracious Appointment of
Him to be The Prince of Wales's Treasurer, that He should ever enjoy so
ample a Salary, & do nothing for it.

Colonel Atham's natural Knowledge of the present embarrassed State
of His Royal Highness's Finances, which can ill bear such a large Burden
on them, for no effective Service whatever, is an additional Reason why
He most humbly entreats His Majesty's gracious Orders for the Direction
of His Conduct, on so new, & so trying an Occasion; which He most
loyally, shall be most exactly & implicitly obeyed. -

Stanhope Street London
6th January 1787.