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Colonel Hotham finds it impossible for him to express sufficiently in Words, the grateful Feelings of his Mind, for the very high Honour the King was pleased to confer upon him by his gracious Intentions, made known to him in his Sovereign's Letter of Yesterday.

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He can only most humbly offer to his Majesty in return, what was his own long ago, a grateful Heart abounding with Duty & Affection; & the Remainder of a Life at all times ready & eager to devote itself in his Majesty's Service.

Colonel Hotham is happy he has so far anticipated his Majesty's Commands, as to have already prepared a Duplicate of the Orders he had the Honour of sending the King, to be transmitted to his Royal Highness the Duke of York, by tomorrow's Mail; not without eager Hopes, that the very distinguished Honour, by which his Sovereign has been pleased to signify his gracious Approbation of his Conduct, may be succeeded by his Royal Highness thinking Colonel Hotham, in the present instance, undeserving of Censure.

