

Ld. Melbourne to H.R.H.

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Sir

I took an early opportunity of communicating to William, the very gracious offer your Royal Highness had intrusted me to make to Him.

And I humbly take the liberty of inclosing to your Royal Highness, His Letter to me, by which your Royal Highness will be more acquainted with His sentiments, than by any Report I could make. It gives me great satisfaction

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To be certain of His sincere
Attachment to your Royal Highness
Person, and of His Gratitude for the
constant Kindness He has Experienced
from your Royal Highness.

And I very much lament
that He is so involved at present,
by the Line of Politics He has
followed for so many Years.

I was unable on Monday, and
ever shall be, Sir, to express my
Feelings for your Royal Highness
great Kindness, by the Distinguished
Honour you intend me.

The Pride of my Life
has been the Friendship and
unbounded Goodness you have

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Shown to me and Lady Melbourne
for so many Years. Our Attachment
and fervent Wishes for your Royal
Highness's Health, and Happiness
and Prosperity in every thing, that
you can desire, can only cease with
our Lives

I remain

Sir

with all Duty Attachment
and Gratitude

Your Royal Highness
most Obedient

Obt. Humble Servant

Melbourne

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a rectangular piece of paper pasted onto the page.]

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