

ld Scarborough G.H.P.H.

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Sandbeck. Sunday March 8th
1812.

Sir

May I be permitted? without losing sight of
the Respect due to G. H. H.'s exalted Situation,
to approach you, in the Character, which I shall ever
deem my highest Honor & Gratification, that of your
old personal Friend, "ld. Scarborough" will G. H. H.
allow me to say? That I not always experienced a
Condescension towards me, far above any Merits
I possess, except an hereditary Attachment to your
Royal House, & the most unbounded, personal regard
for yourself, I should have been much surpris'd, that
in the Arrangement of your Household, such an un-
-ble Individual as myself, should have been thought
on, But the Offer of a Lordship of the Bed chamber
which G. H. H. has empower'd Col. Bloomfield to
make me, has afforded me a Gratification, I
want words to express - Could any Thing have
added to my gratefull Feelings on this Occasion,
It is, G. H. H. having directed Col. Bloomfield
to say, That I was desir'd to make no Difficulty in

in declining this most gracious offer, if incompati-
-tible with my other Pursuits: No other Pursuit ought
to interfere with so desirable a Situation about an
ever honor'd, much belov'd Prince, but my Health
has suffer'd so severely, in the Course of the last Year,
from violent spasmodic Attacks, that, though with
the greatest Care & Attention to medical Advice, I
can keep convalescent, I am by no means fit, to full-
-fill those Duties to G. R. H., as belonging to your
Household, which otherwise, would constitute my
greatest Pleasure — Allow Me then, Sir, solely
on Account of my Health, to decline the gracious
appointment, which has been offer'd me; at the
same Time, may I be permitted? to express my
most earnest Wishes, that in doing this, I shall
not lose that Place in G. R. H.'s Friendship, which
It is my greatest Pride to say, I have possess'd
for above 30 Years — Allow Me, Sir, to hope for
a Continuation of this, & Believe, a Stand & Feast
which never wrote, or dictated a Falshood,
When I say, that no Situation, no Honor, which

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G. H. H., now possessor of Sovereign Power, could offer me, would be so valuable to me, as being still considered, ~~as~~ your personal, and perfectly disinterested friend. --

- I think it my duty to mention, that on G. H. H. late communication with Carl Grey, (who has for some time held my Proxy) He, probably from knowing the personal kindness, which G. H. H. has always shown me, wrote to me for instructions respecting the future disposal of my Proxy, under the present political circumstances: I had no difficulty in saying, that feeling, as I do, towards G. H. H., I could take but one part, viz: as far as my individual vote went, either in person, or by Proxy, not opposing any steps of that government, of which G. H. H. was now the Head: L. Grey's answer was a most liberal one: He gave me credit for my feelings of personal friendship, and told me, that He had vacated my Proxy - I humbly hope G. H. H.

will excuse my having so far intruded on your
time, and as I am not well enough to go to
town, of paying my respects at Carlton House, it
would afford me the greatest satisfaction, if
y^r: M^y: H^{is}: would direct Col. Bloomfield, to give
me one line, saying, that, with that kindness
I have so long experienced, you will forgive,
I have so long experienced, you will forgive,
I do not forget one of the oldest & most devoted
of your ^{personal} friends, in Him, who signs himself,

With the utmost respect,
y^r: Royal Highness's
Most Obed: & Hum: Serv: +
Scarborough.

Paul of Scarborough
March 21. 1712.