

Genl. Dillon

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Sir

I humbly implore your Royal Highness  
to forgive the presumption I have taken in  
addressing your Royal person. feeling rather  
encouraged by the favours your Royal Highness  
formerly conferred on Me. I am now made to  
bold as to solicit your Royal protection  
I am the more in want of it, as I have now  
three children and an increasing family —

Having been so early in life stopped in  
my military career, and disappointed of the  
fortune I expected from M<sup>rs</sup> Dillon I have no  
chance of ever being My circumstances improved  
except if your Royal Highness would condescend  
to protect me, and confer on me the grant of  
some situation if ever so trifling..

without presuming to specify any thing

I should hope that with the knowledge I have  
of almost all the foreign languages I could make  
myself useful in the alien office or the Foreign  
Department. But in the meantime would  
your Royal Highness allow me to solicit the  
grant of an apartment in Hampton Court Palace  
for myself and family. Such a favour would assist  
me very much as my restrained income obliges me  
to retire from London.

Having no friends that approach your Royal  
Person to speak in my behalf, but trusting to your  
Royal Highness's benevolence, I put myself at the  
mercy of your indulgent goodness, and hope to be  
pardon'd for presuming to solicit a favour.

I have the honor to remain with sentiments  
of the most profound respect.

Your Royal Highness's

Most Humble, Obedient and Dutiful Subject

Frank. Dillon

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