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From your Royal Highnesses known liberality, & condescension, I have ventured to intrude myself on your Royal Highnesses notice, & doubt not of receiving every attention, which it becomes a subject to implore of a Monarch to bestow.

I will endeavour in as few words as possible to state my case, I am an Artist by Profession & having, a Wife to support & a Family to educate am not able to devote half the time to improvement I could wish; on this account principally, I am desirous of obtaining any situation under Government even of small certain emolument (that would leave me 3 or 4 hours in the evening to study) or any

To

His Royal Highness
The Prince Regent

similar situation under your Royal
Protection would be the height of my
Ambition: Should this be thought too
great a presumption I might perhaps
obtain an order for a Landscape in
Oil or Water Colors, & if enabled (by
a small remuneration in advance) to
devote sufficient time upon it, I flatter
myself I should be able to give satisfaction
& your Royal Highness would materially
assist a young & perhaps I might ^{ally} add
deserving Artist. In hopes of receiving
your Royal commands to any of these
requests I remain your Royal Highness
most devoted & very humble
subject & servant
William Osney

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Piccadilly, March 16th 1812.