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Sir

Of the numerous applicants who will
at this crisis press upon your Royal Highness
for favours, there is no one who will come with
less claim than myself, having no other plea as
the foundation of my hopes for still further
kindness, than the gracious condescension with
which your Royal Highness has been pleased
ever to notice my humble attentions; kindness
unmerited by me unless the most loyal
and respectful affection on the part of myself
and my family towards His Majesty and
your Royal Highness can be construed
into a pretension -

When my Grandfather
the

the Marquis of Thomond had the English Barony
 of Tappin bestowed upon him, he was desirous that
 I should be named in the patent in succession;
 I have every reason to persuade myself that this
 would have been done, from a letter written by
 the late Duke of Portland to him, promising
 that his requests should be complied with at
 a future day. My suit to your Royal Highness
 is to have the Barony continued to me; and I
 should have forbore to have urged it till I
 could have founded my claim on efficient
 services, or at all events till I could have found
 the opportunity of manifesting my zeal and
 my attachments in some substantial form, but
 that I learn from report, too strong not to be
 credited, and which is the only plea for
 obtruding myself at such a moment on
 your Royal Highness's attention, that an
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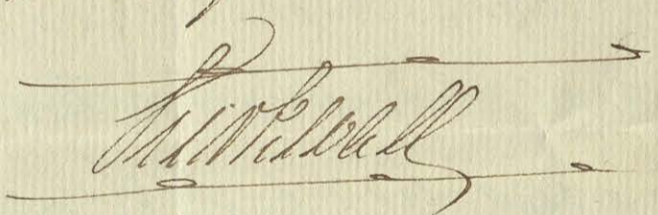
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application from an other quarter has been made, for the title of that place, which is mine by inheritance from my ancestors of the Orkney, and not the Thomsson line; and of which His Majesty from the recollection of some moments of pleasure spent there in His youth, expressed Himself gratified to preserve the memory by the honor he conferred on its then possessor; who held only a life interest in it by virtue of his connection with the Orkney family.

This circumstance will I trust apologise for the time I have chosen for presenting a petition, which I have been most anxious should come to your Royal Highness marked as my own personal suit, unassisted by any application from others, & decisively supported from no political connection whatever.

To your Royal Highness alone
do

do I wish to stand indebted for every favour
you, Sir, may be graciously pleased to
bestow on me, —

With the most perfect
Attachment & devotion,
I have the honor to subscribe myself
Sir
Your Royal Highness's
Most Dutiful Servant


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