

John Shakespeare to F. Collicke Harrow

Apr. 5 1812

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My dear Sir

The enclosed letter is for the purpose  
of being read, if You approve, and thank the present  
Government propositions.

Time passes, least the New President  
of the Board of Longitude may commit himself  
to others.

In a matter of distance, & may-  
be of involving so many considerations &  
arrangements, it would be greatly beneficial  
to me, (if there is a probability of success)  
that I should have as much anticipation  
as may be - and indeed, if it can be obtained,  
that I should know whether upon a  
vacancy happening, or a New Commission  
being given - it would be their gracious pleasure  
of His Royal Highness, that

that I should be included therein, as one  
of the Bengal Council.

I am of no Party - The Princes favor  
 and Your aid, is all I have to rest upon;  
 and I don't hesitate to say, that the  
 situation can only be obtained, by Your  
 strong decided Support, & cooperation, of  
 His Royal Highness putting his Fiat  
 upon it - That it must be done

The Object gained, would command  
 my utmost gratitude - If pronounced  
 unattainable - it would relieve the

Anxiety of Suspense I am My Dear Sir  
 Your faithful & obliged Servant  
 Ever I Shakespear

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As  
The Appointment would appear, I indeed  
would emanate, from his Royal Highness  
Consideration for an Old Attached  
Servant I would create No Surprise

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Buckley Square 41.

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John Barber Pean  
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