

(Baroness)

8 May 1712  
Lady Howe

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Sir

Altho' I do not feel myself authorised to intrude on your Royal Highness's  
time, yet I must in this instance lay my humble petition at  
your Royal Highness's feet, & rely on your Royal Highness's  
indulgence for my pardon.

I am very desirous that my son, who is to be one of the Esquires to  
Lord Strafford's proxy at the ensuing Installation of the Knights  
of the Bath, should have the Honour of wearing on that occasion, the  
diamond hilted sword, with which His Majesty was graciously  
pleas'd to present my Father on the Quarter Deck of the  
Queen Charlotte, after the action on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. But I do  
not think that he ought to do so, without His Majesty's or your

The Prince Regent

Royal Highness' permission. My humble request is therefore,  
if your Royal Highness will allow of his wearing the sword,  
that I may be honored with your verbal assent, which Mr. Phipps  
will convey to me, without your Royal Highness having  
any unnecessary trouble in signifying your pleasure to

Sir

your Royal Highness.  
most dutiful & obed<sup>t</sup>. Servant  
Howe.

32. Bonden Street

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