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Copy of Letter of Lord Menborough to Lord Liverpool
in answer to Lord Liverpool, to him

My dear Lord

I cannot disguise from you the infinite mortification which I feel at the Communication contained in your letter of last night & which I was the less prepared to expect as so long an interval had elapsed without my having heard the name of any other person than that of my brother, announced for the See of Chester.

When I presumed some weeks ago to offer my humble request on his behalf to his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, there was in effect no existing Administration upon the Patronage of which I could justly be considered as intruding — The Prince received my application with the most gracious condescension, & seemed to think that some degree of advantage might result to the public by showing attention to those who in this period of general disorder had distinguished themselves in the maintenance of law & order — I own that it was my anxious wish, on

many accounts & particularly on the score of my judicial independence
that I should appear ^{rather} to owe any favour which might be
conferred on my family, to the bounty & goodness of
my Puncè, than to the favour of any Minister however
respectable such Minister might be —

I am sorry that my brother has not the good fortune
to be at all known. I presume, not even by Character, he
to your Lordship. I can venture to aver that
in point of learning both as it respects his particular
profession & the attainment of literature in general
he is at least equal to the Dean of Canterbury — though
he certainly does not equal him in the talent for
public preaching by which the Dean of Canterbury
is so eminently distinguished — My brother
obtained the Papal medal & several other literary
distinctions during his residence in the University of
Cambridge — & has since resided upon his preferment

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in the neighbourhood of that University, in great
esteem with the two last Bishops of Ely (~~from~~ ^{by} the
former of whom he was promoted) as well as of all
who knew him. He is now ^{upwards} turned of 50 yrs of age,
& has a family of ten Children — The latter ^{circumstances}
certainly enhance not a little the interest I feel in
his advancement — I am, I assure your ^{Lordship}

not in the habit of asking favour — for my own
personal advancement up to the present moment
I never preferred a request directly or indirectly to
any human being — though I have been the
object of great, unsolicited, but perhaps unmerited
favour — If it is thought fitting by your
Lordship (who certainly can more justly & impartially
estimate my public usefulness than I can do myself)
that I should sustain the disparagement which

shall incur by the disappointment of hopes which
circumstances had induced me to form, & which the
same circumstances may have led others to know
that I had formed, — I must bear it as well as
I can. —

I leave the disposal of my
brother's fate & fortunes to the generous consideration
of my much honoured Prince, & to your own sense
of the merit & claims which belong (if I am warranted
in supposing that any do belong) to the person who
has ventured to address His Royal Highness on
the behalf of a brother circumstanced as that brother
is according to the statement which I have faithfully
made to your Lordship. I have the honour to be

My Lord,
Your Lordship's most faithful
obed^t Serv^t

St James's Gate June 12. 1712 E. Kenning