

George Blackman to his Grace

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34. Harley Street - 27th June 1814.

My Lord!

Suffer me for one minute to intrude, and at the same time to intreat your pardon - may, embolden'd by your kind consideration for some years past, may I ask your Lordship a question of moment undoubt'dly to myself, but which you might instantly resolve. -

Under some particular circumstances in 1804 - The late Duke of Rutland promised me a Barometre - and several letters, and personal communications pass'd between His Grace, & myself - My claims were submitted to him - He allow'd them just, and honourable - his words were - "I did not think you would have expected an answer to the letter you wrote to me on the 7th of July - but have waited with confidence, as I really think you may on the goodness of the ground, that has been made for respecting that honor -" These, and other copies were in His Grace's letters now in my possession.

am now given to understand that a number of Gentlemen will be
shortly called by H. R. H. The Prince Regent, to that honor. - I could
write you family connections, and for the sake of my Sons especially
that my name might be included. I am the more urged
to this, as upon the Duke of Portland not attending to his
promise, Mr. Fox when at Bedford House 27. April 1806 -
and then very ill, read all the correspondence, and on his
death had taken him off so suddenly immediately afterwards,
would have given me his powerful support, indeed his
expressed was, - "I see no difficulty in the matter, and it
shall be done".

From the foregoing date to the present moment
I have made no further exertions, but have waited patiently
for some fortuitous circumstance, which might more effectually
second my desires.

Now, my Lord, may I ask your advice, - I
could

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about into your assistance. - Honored by the Prince Regent,
marked attention for some years. - favored at all times by
his recognition - & knowing the urbanity & goodness of his
conceding manners: would there be any harm, in my
stating shortly my wishes in a letter to His Highness -
or, what would be the cause of my desires, might I
entertain a hope that your Lordships, would once more
God father me, and personally convey to the Prince Regent
my most ardent, but at the same time my most respectful
wishes.

A Law in answer will not only confer a great
obligation on me, but do away the small portion of fear,
that I may have impudently intruded on your time.

With every sentiment of proper respect,

I remain, my Lord, your Lordships

Obedient humble servant,

George Blackman

The Earl

Morris

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27. June 1812