

John Palmer ("Projector of mail-coaches") 621.R.4.

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Sir

The goodness & condescension with which your Royal Highness has treated me for so many years, gives me courage in this most anxious moment of a long life to appeal to your Royal Highness & to throw myself upon your justice & humanity.

The countenance your Royal Highness was so graciously pleas'd to show me during that long period, when I had no hope but in the prospect of more favourable times, gave me fortitude to bear up against oppression, & now that those times are arriv'd, it has, I mention it to your Royal Highness, with the purest gratitude, been my best & proudest support - without it I could have cherish'd but little hope of removing that load of obloquy, which during twenty years had been industriously heaped upon me, of obtaining a fair & noble trial, by the Representatives of my Country, of proving that I had been hardly & cruelly treated, and of establishing my rights by their Vote & Resolution beyond the possibility of misconception.

Sir, the Bills which is to secure me but a

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part only of those rights, which I have
commuted, to one third of what they are,
& which the most eminent Lawyers in your
Kingdom have pronounced my due, has
pass'd the Lower House almost unanimously

It is now going to its trial in the
House of Peers; upon its fate every
hope, every expectation, which myself or
family have in life, depend

I am now, so, advanced in my old age and
have seen nothing but sorrow & disappointment
in return for the most ardent endeavours to
serve my Country - I have rais'd its Revenue
nearly a Million & a half annually, by the
acknowledgment even of my Enemies, & what
I ask, by right of a solemn engagement
is not the one hundredth part of it -

During the time I remain'd in the Post Office,
not the shadow of a suspicion was ever
breath'd against my integrity - all I am
accus'd of is want of temper under the
most extraordinary circumstances & the
greatest provocation - for this, & this
only, was I depriv'd of every thing, except
a Life annuity, just sufficient to educate
my 6 children, and had I died before Mr Pitt,
they must have been left to penury and
wretchedness, seeing their paternal fortune
dissipated in a Scheme, which did every thing
for this Country, but which ruin'd their

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Family & broke their Parents heart
I beseech your Royal Highness to
pardon my presumptions in thus addressing
you & to permit me to subscribe
myself with every sentiment of gratitude
and Attachments

Your Royal Highness
most dutiful Servant
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To
His Royal Highness
The Prince Regent -

J. Palmer
June 30. 1812