

Thomas Cholmondeley to H.R.H.

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Sir /  
Agitated by the fear of offending and  
incurring a displeasure which I could not support,  
yet encouraged by recollecting the repeated  
proofs of gracious consideration and goodness  
with which, however unworthy, I have been honored  
by your Royal Highness; I venture to approach  
as a petitioner, humbly laying myself at your  
Royal Highness's feet & entreating pardon for  
my presumption. — I am grieved to state  
that the Representation of the County of Shrewsbury,  
which I have so long had the honor of enjoying,  
will inevitably be disturbed at the next general  
election; and tho' I have received such strong  
expressions of support as scarcely to admit a



a doubt of my success, yet the expense of a  
Contest in a large and populous County is so  
tremendous, that Victory in my case would be  
almost ruin. — Thus unhappily circumstanced  
I venture Sir, though with the greatest timidity,  
to entreat your Royal Highness's gracious protection  
by conferring on me the honor of a Seat in the  
Upper House of Parliament. And however great  
their request, yet I trust that it will not meet  
the Disapprobation of your Royal Highness's Ministers  
when they recollect my steady Attachment to them  
and their Principles, without an instance of  
Change, during the last Seventeen Years. —  
To mention any pretensions I make to this



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Distinguished Honor from Family and long  
Parliamentary Service, or to enumerate the many  
instances where it has been obtained in cases  
similar to my own, would be presuming too  
much, and trespassing too far, on your Royal  
Highness's valuable time; But if with con-  
-ciding goodness your Royal Highness will  
so far honor one humble Individual as to  
take into consideration a Request in which  
his future Welfare wholly depends, it shall  
be his constant endeavor by the most em-  
-powered gratitude and respect Attachment  
to testify the feelings of a warm and faithful  
Slave entirely devoted to your Royal



His Highness's service. — With the most  
profound duty and respect

I am from Royal Highness's most humble  
and devoted servant

Thomas Chamberlayne

Mr. Chamberlayne

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