

Lady Keith to H.R.H.

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Sir

I am greatly embarrassed how to address your Royal Highness as a Petitioner, not only from being well aware of the numerous solicitations that surround you, but also from a grateful sense of the many Favours your Royal Highness has already conferred upon me. But my anxiety for a good Relation induces me to mention my Cousin Sir John Lade who by a long Series of Impudence & Folly, has

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entirely destroyed the many Advantages he began Life with to be  
reduced himself to a very pitiable Situation.

No one knows better than myself how totally  
unworthy he is - or was was - of your Royal High-  
ness's Notice, but having so long been conversed  
with it, I am persuaded the natural Consequence  
of your Royal Highness's Disposition will not be  
an old Servant in Dutch, because he is no longer  
serving or useful. His State of Health is such  
as to make it impossible he can live long, though  
he is not yet so infirm in Mind or Body as

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life with to be assigned to the common Routine of Business  
in a Publick Office, & any Mode of Favour from  
your Royal Highness would enable him to end his  
ill spent Life with more Comfort than he could  
otherwise have any Prospect of enjoying.

To give some Idea of the reduced State he must  
be in at present, I find he is very desirous of receiving  
Money upon Jewish, Lane, and other valuable Effects  
left him by his Mother, which nothing but a Case  
of Neptily would induce him to part with of course.

I must now beg your Royal Highness's  
Pardon to make my humble Apologies for the

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(Muster Trade)

great Liberty I have taken, and have the Honour to

Sir  
your Royal Highness's  
most obliged & obedient  
humble servant  
John Maria Keble

Government House  
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