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85, Garton Garden,

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Sir,

A serious illness, from which I am now almost recovered, has prevented me from seeing you sooner.

Excuse me for saying, that although I have often reflected on your advice with every degree of esteem, yet I have never been able to collect confidence equal to the irksome task of addressing such an August Personage as His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

Permit me therefore to assure you, that I must beg leave to commit my case to the management of a much abler and a far more persuasive advocate. Past experience teaches me, that I may repose with the greatest hope on your friendship; and I must intreat you to use your influence at this time in my favour with His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, whose affable deportment, liberal sentiments, and patriotic conduct, have justly endeared him to a Nation whom he was happily destined to govern.

Allow me, Sir, to request, that after offering my most humble duties to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, you would represent, that four months ago I had the satisfaction of being the author of a Pamphlet intituled "Thoughts on the State of the Country," &c. &c. that

that this Pamphlet has had the singular good fortune of being the
first and only one in vindication of the Prince Regent and his Government
that its Author, like most authors, is at this time far from being
rich; that he is still considerably more than Two Hundred Pounds
minus by Paper, Print, &c. &c.; that some other embarrassments, not indeed
to a great amount, may also be superadded; ~~and~~ that His Royal Highness
Most Gracious Notice of the Author might serve to stimulate some able
Writer in so just a cause; and that as Literary Men have often been re-
-warded by permanent situations under Government, a hint to that effect
from the Prince Regent, in favour of the present Writer, would by the
Minister — whose cause is also warmly supported — be construed into a
Royal Command. You can, Sir, fully testify, that on many occasions
I have availed myself of opportunities to prove my duty and attachment
to His Royal Highness; and as often as it may be within my power, I shall
zealously embrace the same line of conduct.

Carelessly soliciting you, Sir, to submit these Facts to the
Prince Regent, by most humbly requesting on my part, that he would com-
-descend to hear the Contents of this Letter, recommended to His Royal Highness
Consideration by your better judgment and discretion, I have the honour of
being,
Sir,

Right Honourable John De Laet
&c. &c. &c.

Your most obedient
Very humble servant
J. Stuart.