

24 July 1813
Sir W. Beachy

A.A. No 299

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Dear Sir

May I beg the favour of you to present the Sketch, sent herewith, to the Regent for His Royal Highness's approbation or rather his opinion of it, The likeness is not to be considered of course, nor the air of the Person, only the general Idea, and arrangement of the Subject in regard to its composition & Colour &c - I have also sent not a copy, but the original Picture which His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to approve of Mr Percival, and which has never been copied - I have to entreat His Royal Highness will pardon me for not sending it sooner, but I was under a promise to Lady Arden to let Mrs Percival have her choice of ^{all} the Pictures I have attempted of Mr Percival

but who has lately declined seeing any
of them - a most melancholly accident
which has confined me five weeks and will
I understand confine me three months longer
prevents my having the honor and happiness
of accompanying my works, and receiving
His Royal Highness's commands in person.

Confiding in your usual goodness
to pardon the trouble I give you on this
occasion, I beg leave to subscribe myself, with
most sincere esteem & respect,

Dr Sir, yr faithfull & obed^t Serv^t

W Beechey

Harley St.
in bed -
July 24th
1773