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May it please your Royal Highness.

May I be allowed most humbly  
to acquaint your Royal Highness, that in  
examining my poor Father's Books, I have  
found a copy of his account of Handel's  
Commemoration, printed on the finest and  
best paper; with a superscription on the  
outward cover; which declares it to be de-  
signed: "For His Royal Highness the Prince  
of Wales."

The great kindness, with which Your R. H. treated my Father, — which, indeed, I entertained with delight, on one happy occasion; and the deep respect, which he entertained for Your R. H. impel me to hope most earnestly, that I shall not offend, when I feel solicitous to lay this Volume, at the feet of Your Royal Highness.

My venerable Father died full of years, and without an Enemy; — and most grateful am I, when I reflect, that the comforts of his latter days were secured to him fully and unchangeably by Royal Bounty.

with the highest consideration  
I remain the honour of remaining  
Your R. Highnesses truly devoted Son  
Charles Burney.

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Deptford.