

Theodore Lawrence Esq. R.H.

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May it please your Royal Highness -

I humbly beg permission to congratulate your Royal Highness on the glorious & happy termination of the War, and the prospect of your being very shortly honor'd with a visit from those noble and illustrious personages who in conjunction with yourself have effected the same -

As your Royal Highness will wish to afford them every gratification in your power during their stay in England, and give them every specimen possible of our national improvements in Science of every kind, tending either to utility or pleasure or both; I humbly beg (on my own behalf as of my friends) to request the honor of your Royal Highness' attention to that very useful, pleasurable and novel improvement in the Science of inland (and which no doubt may be also applied to marine) Navigation, the Steam Boat -

We have now a Boat nearly finished at Bristol navigated by the power of a Steam Engine, surpassing in velocity every kind of Sloop or navigable  
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Rivers against Wind Tide and Stream - It will run at the rate of seven or eight miles an hour and under some circumstances more - I tried a Boat of this kind with great success on the Thames last Autumn, but this is on improved principles - It is capable of taking in its cabins from 25 to 30 persons, and would afford a most novel safe and agreeable excursion to Windsor or elsewhere on that beautiful and picturesque River the Thames. It is neatly fitted up and may be more elegantly finished should your Royal Highness honor it with your patronage so far as to command us to bring it to London to attend your pleasure -

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From your known taste and uniform desire to patronize science in every branch thereof, I humbly hope this proposal will not be thought intrusive -

I have written more at large to your Royal Highness' Secretary wishing on this occasion



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to trouble you but as briefly as possible -

With every personal respect for your  
Royal Highness, & prayer for the prosperity of your  
illustrious house I beg to subscribe myself

Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted obedient & humble  
Servant -

Theodore Lawrence

Bristol 7<sup>th</sup> May  
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To  
His Royal Highness  
The Prince Regent