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I trust you will pardon the liberty I have taken of submitting the following Extract from Mr Huskisson's reply to Lord John Russell, upon the subject of the Civil list, which clearly proves, that offices, held upon similar tenure to that of my Brother, become absolute Property. "The Office of Master of the Hawks had been laid hold of, and held up to ridicule, as one that added nothing to the Dignity and safety of the Crown, and that ought therefore to be abolished: But when he stated, that the office was a Freehold, granted by a former Monarch, and as much Property as any grant of Lands made by Henry the eighth, he thought he had satisfactorily answered all that had been said about it."

You must, Sir, perceive from the perusal of the above, that I am entitled ~~at~~ the least to Compensation for the threatened deprivation of Property: I remember when I had the honour of an Interview with you at Brighton, you expressed your own opinion that Provision might be made, but that you put it to my own feelings, whether a Brother

of Mr Davis could hold such a Commission: Though  
I could not acknowledge the Justice or Equity of  
such a Remark, my subsequent Conduct proves,  
I gave up upon a Principle of Delicacy, and  
no longer pressed my own Appointment: I could  
however have made answer by a very strong case  
viz. that of Lord Charles Bentinck, that even a  
Crime, one of the most revolting to human nature  
does not incapacitate that Nobleman from holding  
a much more responsible office about the Court.  
The inference is of course too glaring to need  
further explanation, Lord Charles cannot deny  
the imputation of guilt, but I can defy the  
world to cast a slur upon my character.

Truly, Sir, these are Circumstances the most  
important for His Majesty's consideration, and I  
can assure you, there is not a Person to whom I  
stated my unfortunate case, that does not startle  
at the evident injustice and cruelty of the measure.

I have the Honour to be

Your most obedient humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

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