

Lord Buckleham

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Buckingham Place

May 29⁽⁴⁾ 1820

Sir -

Your Majesty will I trust have been apprized
by Sr Benjamin Bloomfield, of the unfortunate
circumstances of indisposition and confinement
which still unhappily deprive me of the means
both of paying my duty to Your Majesty, and of
personally expressing to your Majesty with all
humility and gratitude my warmest acknow-
-ledgements for the very signal mark of
grace and favour which your Majesty has so
generously condescended to extend to me, a

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favour which both in itself and from the peculiar
circumstances under which it is bestowed, has
unquestionably the highest value which can
possibly be attached to it, and commands
from me on every account the strongest ex-
-pressions of gratitude and devotion.

To those expressions, this letter would naturally
have been confined. But having solicited already
the favour of an audience from your Majesty,
may I add that it is a duty imposed upon
me by every feeling of obedience and respect
towards your Majesty, not to delay any longer
that communication which your Majesty
had allowed me to hope, that you

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would condescend to hear from me, in person, as soon as I was able to quit my house. Your Majesty's great goodness in advertising to the memory of my Father, in terms of so much kindness, emboldens me the more to refer to a matter of which his name and memory make the principal feature.

Mr Pitt had
at an early period of his service, taken the liberty humbly to recommend to His late Majesty, the advancing my Father to the

high rank of a Duke, and this request was
on more than one occasion, afterwards, repea-
-ted. His Majesty was pleased so far to
acquiesce in this desire, as to express the most
gracious and favourable disposition toward
Lord Buckingham, and altho' Mr Pitt was
directed to say that His Majesty did not
then think fit to make any promotion of
Peers to that rank, yet he was authorized
to convey to Lord Buckingham strong and
repeated assurances, that if any such pro-
-motion took place, he should be included
in it. I hope your Majesty will not think

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that I presume too much in venturing to lay be-
- fore your Majesty Mr Pitt's letter expressing
these assurances, which Lord Grenville was also
afterwards authorized by him to repeat in
his Majesty's name - It would I felt have
been wholly unfit for me to avail myself of
those most gracious and kind dispositions to-
- wards me which your Majesty has con-
- descended to manifest on the present occa-
- sion, without venturing most humbly to lay
these particulars at your Majesty's feet. It
is on every account directly to your Majesty's
goodness, that I was most anxious that they

should in the first instance be submitted. I hope
that the necessity of not delaying this step un-
-der these circumstances will be my apology
for presuming to submit them in this form,
and that I shall not have the appearance
of entertaining on this subject, any other sen-
-timents than those of that dutiful and
respectful confidence, with which I venture
to hope for Your Majesty's gracious considera-
-tion of this matter whenever the fit occasion
for it shall arise. Now is it possible for
me to conclude this letter, however unwilling
to trespass longer on Your Majesty's time,

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without ever more expressing the strong and
lively feelings with which I am penetrated
by the very high and distinguished mark of
your Majesty's personal condescension and
favour towards me which your Majesty
has thus spontaneously been pleased to
confer upon me -

I beg to be permitted to sub-
-scribe myself with every sentiment of res-
-pect and devotion

Sir
your Majesty's
most attached Subject & Servant
Charles Buckingham

Mary of Buckingham

29 May 1820

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Mr King

to

Duke of Buckingham