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Enclosure

My Lord

Having been informed that a
Clergyman was appointed, by the Lord Chamber-
lain, this last Summer, to read Prayers at eight
o'clock at the Chapel Royal at Windsor during
his Majesty's stay there; I must intreat the favour
of you to interfere so far as to prevent any
innovation upon the ancient office of Confessor
to His Majesty's Household; the Nomination
to which, as appears by the late Dr. Sherlock's
Memorial to the Lord Chamberlain is vested,
unless during a vacancy, in the Dean.

Mr. Higgin, my Predecessor
and those before him, used to read Prayers every
morning at eight o'clock, administer the Sa-
crament also every Sunday throughout the
year; Baptize the Children born in the House
keeping a Register of the same, and visit all
the Sick; a constantly laborious Duty; for
all which little more than forty pounds per-
annum is allowed: The Duty indeed lasted
no longer at St. James's Chapel than till the
Court moved; as the Confessor always attended
his Majesty, receiving an additional pay
of seven shillings and sixpence per diem: (as
also two Guineas a week for lodging) for Con-

Similar Duty at Windsor or Hampton Court
at either of which places his Majesty might be.

Now, my Lord, my Place is by
no means so advantageous as it used to be,
for ever since the King came to the throne
I have read prayers every morning, and per-
formed the other Offices required of me for
the same stipend as Mr. Higgate had for doing
little more than half the Duty I do; for when
his late Majesty went to Kensington the
Lord Chamberlain, owing to my Predecessors ne-
glecting his Duty, appointed a Reader there
in consequence of which the Duty was
continued only on Sunday mornings at
St. James's.

Allow me therefore, to beg of
your Lordship, if I may not be permitted
to go to Windsor as my Predecessor did, yet
not to be obliged to do more Duty than was
required of them unless an allowance equal
to that granted to the Readers at White Hall
as also to the gentleman at present appointed
by the Lord Chamberlain, is made me, viz:
four score pounds per Annum.

I presume, my Lord,
my Request will not be thought unreasonable
as by my Office I rank with the Sub-Dean

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upon all Public occasions; and when the Court
went to Hampton the Reader always used to
give place to the Confessor.

Your kind interposition
Sir, in behalf of myself as well as the Office which
is under your Lordship's Direction, will most
likely put my place upon its former establish-
ment; I cannot conclude, my Lord, without
observing that thro: an ill state of Health I have
been obliged to do the major part of my Duty
by Deputies; paying more in proportion than
what I have received; under these Circumstances
I flatter myself with the hopes of redress.

I am,

My Lord

your Dutiful
and Obed:

Humble Servant

C. D. W. Morgan

St. James's House

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