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My Lord!

Accept my best thanks for the generous  
active & friendly ~~support~~ <sup>encouragements</sup> I have received  
from your self and your friends. It is  
to Men of such independent spirit as your  
own, & of the natural consequence you had in  
the welfare of the County, that I shall always  
look for support, and your Lordships concurrence  
with me on this occasion, gives me the  
greatest satisfaction, as well as prospect  
of success. I was in hopes the business would  
have terminated without the interference  
of my friends, but some late unsteady  
conduct on the part of the negotiators, make  
it necessary for me to beg the favour of  
your Lordships, to solicit the attendance of  
your friends in town w<sup>th</sup> the <sup>completion</sup> arrangement  
of the business. —



