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Sir

I beg leave to take the liberty of reminding you from this distant place that there is such a person as your humble servant. I have had a most pleasant and interesting tour with Lord Breadalbane and have great hope that something will result from it that may be beneficial to this part of the Kingdom and to the public. The receiving evil of emigration has become so general as

to threaten universal depopulation to this part of the kingdom and thereby to deprive the nation of a hardy race of brave men who have fought its battles and conquered its enemies in every part of the globe. Lord Breadalbane and I went aboard one vessell where 300 of these wretched people were crouded together in a small vessell not above 250 Tons borden. By his Lordships humane and generous offers some were induced to abandon their design

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and we found that it was entirely owing to necessity and not to any wanton disposition of trying their fortunes in America that these poor people were leaving their native country. The unfeeling proprietors are every where letting their lands in large Sheep farms where one man occupys what formerly afforded subsistence to hundreds forgetting at the same time that they must always derive their consequence above not from their incomes but from the number of men they can command upon any emergency.

I am collecting materials for a memorial on this subject which on my return I

shall beg you to submit to the consideration of his royal highness humbly hoping that he may be graciously pleased to interpose in behalf of a neglected people who are truly attached to his royal highness and family. I have all along kept my attention upon the means of improving Dartmore and have the satisfaction to have discovered much useful information respecting the means of improving a mountainous country and by the fine weather we have had here

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to be able to return in full time to arrange every thing respecting that business and to prepare that country for the reception of some of those industrious people in whose happiness his royal highness has already been pleased to interest himself.

With the highest sense of my obligations to you I beg leave to subscribe myself

Your Most obedient and very humble Servant

Ry Fraser

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