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Sir

I must throw myself upon
your Royal Highness's Goodness, to
excuse a piece of neglect, which, though
not intended, I must confess to be
gross negligence. It happened by some
accident, that the Letter, your
Royal Highness honoured me with,
was brought to me in the Country
by one of the King's Messengers,
together with a box of Papers.
Observing the Royal Arms, I took it
only for a schedule of the Papers, sent

by the Clerk. It had been returned
into the Box with the rest of the papers,
and would have sent to the office,
if upon looking back to one of the Papers
I had not discovered, and opened it; when
I had the mortification to find that
it was a Letter from your Royal
Highness which had been so neglected.

I don't yet know, whether the
Prebend of Gloucester is to be vacated,
or holden in Commendam: and
I had turned my thoughts to serving
Mr. Best in a way, which I took
to be more suitable to your
Royal Highness's Pleasure. But I

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flatter myself, that your Royal
Highness will be pleased to be
perfectly assured, that your Commands
are my Law.

I remain
Sir

your Royal Highness's
most devoted
and obedient humble servant

Thurlow

20. Oct. 1791.

Lord Muncie
20th Oct 1791.