

To the King

Sir

Your Majesty has
for some time been apprized
of the embarrassed circumstan-
ces under which I labor.
Nothing but the last necessity
could have induced me to wish
that such an exposure of my
affairs should be made to your
Majesty. I could not but fear
that it would give your Maje-
sty uneasiness: but I could not
but feel that it ought to
give me a degree of self-con-
-demnation, ~~but I trust that~~
my difficulties may be more
justly ascribed to the inad-
-vertence of youth than
to any deliberate indulgence
of extravagance. I do not
attempt to disguise to my-
-self ~~the~~ (in)providence ~~in~~
~~what I have said~~ thro'
^{some} which those difficulties have

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(hd.
Parslow's
hand)
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been incurred. It is true, the
 all ^{however} ~~was~~ settled upon me in
 the year 1707 was so far short
 of the Estimate which reached
 the lowest income on which
 the Establishment could be
 supported, that ^{a large} ~~some~~ ^{income}
 was unavoidably to be appu-
 -lied. ^{These} ~~But~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{income}
~~was~~ ^{required it} ~~was~~ ⁱⁿ ~~not~~ ^{with}
~~to incur~~ ^{get} ~~any~~ ^{but} ~~or~~ ^{the} ~~been~~ ^{will} ~~apparent~~ ^{not} ~~to~~ ^{account}
~~be~~ ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{that} ~~it~~ ^{will}
~~not~~ ^{account} ~~for~~ ^a ~~great~~ ^{proportion}
 of the Debt; too
 justly imputable to ~~our~~ ^a
 want of strict economy.
~~granted~~ ⁱⁿ ~~various~~ ^{branches}
 branches, the united effects
 of which I did not ~~consider~~ ^{consider}
 in time.
 If, Sir
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the}
~~situation~~ ^{situation} was explained to you
~~it~~ ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~represented~~ ^{represented} that the
 pressure of the encumbrance
 was so urgent as to require
 immediate remedy. The disagree-
 of an Execution in Carlton House
 appeared inevitable, unless the

an unfortunate omission to an in-
 -portant account had also been made
 in the List of my Debts; which was after-
 -wards represented at the Treasury, but
 it seems too late to be received for li-
 -quidation. ~~The~~ ^{The} assistance actu-
 -ally accorded by Parliament was so ten-
 -dly paid, that the interest on the Debt
 ordered to be discharged in the year which you
 accumulated: but the necessity of purchas-
 -ing at once very expensive articles
 requisite for the resumption of my State,
 for the outlet burthened in Income tax,
 had it been clear would have been inade-
 -quate. ~~These~~ ^{These} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} ~~together~~ ^{together} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~total~~ ^{total}
~~insufficiency~~ ^{insufficiency} of the sums granted for the ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~finishing~~ ^{finishing} your
 of London.

as I accurately unfolded it to
 Lord Thurlow, whose attachment to
 your Majesty's person & family pre-
 -sided him out as my first resort, it
 must have been

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forbearance of creditors could
 be obtained by a promise of
 some speedy provision for the
 liquidation of their demands.
 A consideration which, more
 than any other, determined us
 in consent that by receipts should
 be made known to your Majesty,
 as in the event of such a pro-
 ceedure might be injurious not to us
 after our credit at large, I might have
 justly incurred your Majesty's
 displeasure for not having by
 timely application put it in
 your power to prevent the evil.

by ^{been} your Majesty's nodoubt they applied
 of circumstances, which however
 unpleasant to me to state, had
 they been withheld from your Majesty.

When I had the Honor
 lately to attend your Majesty
 at Bezaorth, I had hopes that
 your goodness would have led
 you to mention your determi-
 nation on the subject. As your
 Majesty, however, never alluded
 to it, I deemed it a point of
 respect not to obtrude any con-
 versation upon that topic,
 flattering myself that I might
 have occasion to be in your Majesty's

untill your Majesty should deign
to signify your pleasure. Unfor-
tunately, Sir, I have in this short
interval found the papers
such that remedy of some sort
can no longer be withheld, if
my friend is desirous to your
Majesty that in possibility of my
any longer maintaining my in-
-tention in public. Let me in-
-flore you, Sir, to do justice to the
reverence with which I venture
to solicit your speedy decision.
I am far, very far indeed, from
wishing that your paternal af-
-fection should lead your Ma-
-jesty to adopt any measures
for my relief which any
other points of view appear
to you unadvisable. I only ap-
-plicate that, if it shall be
thought inconsistent with
your Majesty's service to allow
means for extricating me from
these difficulties, the determina-
-tion may be imparted to me.
Upon this head, however, may I
presume to add in explanation:

That I rest hereby & rest un-
 -restfully petition your Majesty again
 any application to Parliament
 for a grant to discharge my
 debts. I wish only that, by such
 an augmentation of my income
 as would not be felt burdensome
 by the public, I may without
 violation of my present obli-
 -tion be enabled to make those
 arrangements for ~~the~~ satisfac-
 -tion to my creditors which Justice
 & Honor require for them at my
 hands. In assurance for ac-
 -tivity that I shall without
 delay be furnished with the
 means of making those arrange-
 -ments, words for the present
 be sufficient to render my cre-
 -ditors easy. If your Majesty
 shall judge assistance of
 this nature inexpedient, I
 shall bow to the decision with
 the most affectionate resignation.
 I shall then, with the consci-
 -ousness of having fulfilled every
 duty of respect towards your Majesty

only have to devote to the bene-
-fit of my creditors ^{every} ~~their~~ resources
which ^{in my power} I present in ~~my~~
hands to offer. Nothing adequate
to the object could be set apart
for the purpose, as long as the
maintenance of my public situ-
-ation shall subject me to con-
-siderable expenditure. I should
only by such a deduction from an
income already insufficient for
my Station involve myself in fresh
debt whilst I professed to be dis-
-missing ^{former} my ~~former~~ offices. It will
therefore be requisite for me to
live in complete retirement.

I am well aware that, in ~~being~~ withdrawing myself from the sphere
~~of the Court~~ of the Court
I shall ~~be~~ ^{may} reflection ~~be~~
present itself by and the im-
-mediate awkwardness of the
measure to my personal feelings.
At a moment when a levelling
spirit is fermenting throughout
Europe ~~I~~ I acknowledge that the
spontaneously descending from the
splendour attached to my rank
may be politically disadvantageous.

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of the Court

There are circumstances wh. might
make me hesitate in adopting such
a resolution

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But ~~of that nature~~ ^{to me as} ~~not to be left for death~~

shadow of impeachment or of private probity. It will not properly appertain to your Majesty to consider how far the consequences of the step may result upon the Monarchy & upon your Majesty's family. ~~had been~~

~~is an unavoidable necessity of saying to you, that the Duke of Clarence is in the same difficulty with myself & has made similar reflections upon it.~~

~~The other inadequacy of his income from the first settled ^{phases} ~~to the support of those expenses which his Birth & Professional Situation entail upon him, & it, unless he shall be relieved, reduce him to take~~~~

~~the determination of a return ^{order} with so. It is the resolution which I have formed upon full deliberation ^{I have formed upon full deliberation} ~~steadily carry thro', as soon as I shall be satisfied, by your Majesty's answer, that such a procedure~~~~

~~which I have formed upon full deliberation~~

My plan ~~in~~ would be to have my Household in possession of those salaries ~~to which~~ your Majesty ^{having been} so gracious as to contribute ^{specifically to that object} by the additional allowance you were pleased to grant in 1707: But I should signify to them that their attendance was dispensed with till my circumstances might admit of again calling for their service. I should then myself adopt a tone of private life regulated by the scale of that narrow income which I should reserve for my own expenses. What part of this means to be annually saved should be allotted to my creditors; tho' it would be far short of what I could wish to dedicate to them.

will not be misconstructed into
any deviation from the attention
& subscription ~~is~~ due to your
Majesty. Whatsoever sacrifice
of haughty pride there may be in
sentencing ~~myself~~ ^{myself} to such a
seclusion, it will be reconciled
to ~~me~~ ^{me} by the character which
that step must necessarily
bear. ~~Every part~~, It cannot
but manifest a sense of error
& a solicitude to repair the
effects of that error, not
truly felt by me: but ~~an~~
-ment entitling me to preserve
that place in public opinion
which it cost ever to get
anxious object to retain.

Before I conclude Sir,
allow me to say, ~~in the name~~
~~of my Brother as well as in~~
~~my own~~, that in such a retire-
-ment ~~or~~ ^I should always possess
the most earnest readiness & ar-
-dent zeal to stand forth in
your Majesty's service upon every
occasion where your Majesty

wishes or interest ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~concern~~
~~any~~ ^{any} ~~concerns~~: In, ~~as~~ ^{as} filial af-
 -fection & unfeigned duty will
 be so lively in that obscure
 situation, than they are now,
 whilst ~~we~~ ^I have the happiness
 of feeling that ~~our~~ ^{our} Public Ap-
 -pearance is a part of the
 splendour of your Majesty's throne.

Lord Moira's writing

Letter to the King
from the Paries of
Wales in 1792.

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the King