

A. P. H. to Ed. Thurlow - Draft.

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I can not possibly subscribe my  
dear Sir, to your arguments you have made  
use of in the Letter which I this day have  
receiv'd from you; indeed I am sorry to  
say that I am not in the least surpris'd  
at the turn which our conversation has  
taken, or rather at the impudence it has  
taken upon you. I left you I confess with  
the strong persuasion that you would not  
<sup>venture to</sup> ask for that evidence of the Day which  
I can not help hesitating in trusting you

have been  
~~or might be~~ attended with the most respectful  
good, & could have had as <sup>little</sup> bad consequence  
as ever been admitted of the smallest mis-  
interpretation had ~~the intention~~ for which  
you asked the opinion on the matter you  
had to explain, been ~~proffered~~ <sup>in the manner</sup> & so laid  
before the King, ~~as~~ <sup>of</sup> such the liberty of  
suggesting to you, & for which I cannot  
help once more stating as briefly & <sup>as</sup>  
as possible my reasons; & the words  
an interlined passage in your own letter  
helps me to that part of the argument  
which I wish'd most to enforce upon your  
mind. The words are "and it is the fact"

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"of duty & gratitude to put him upon his  
"knees." Scanning my dear Lord with  
I am perfectly sensible at first sight must  
appear presumptuous in my heart, but upon  
the purity of principle & integrity that  
me, I can not help boldly upholding  
those <sup>principles</sup> ~~principles~~ which <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ a liberty  
and inconsiderate warmth, but cool &  
deliberation, together with a certain degree  
of experience, & a thorough knowledge  
of the good sense of the Legislature, have  
only contributed to confirm me in the  
opinion which I have already had the  
pleasure of stating to you. I think even your own

Letter has not been able to undo. The  
intensity of the motive which ~~has~~<sup>appears</sup> to have  
deterr'd you from requesting the audience  
of the King, is the fear of seeming to encourage  
in one instance ambitious views, & in the  
other of gratifying private pique ~~or revenge~~  
rather of spirit (at the present moment  
were it possible for the same construction  
of your enemies to represent them <sup>as</sup> ~~as~~  
if thrown into the scale, you'd be heavy  
the smallest weight in your mind, or  
way in the smallest degree, the line  
of conduct, so justly, so plainly & so  
generously shewn out for you my dear  
Dad, at least in my humble opinion

But to return to your own words, "But it is  
 "the part of duty & gratitude to put him  
 "upon his knees" <sup>Be it so" as in say of 17004</sup> ~~But if you have the~~  
<sup>part of gratitude to the extent in your own the smallest</sup>  
 "smallest ~~remaining~~ recollection of past  
 partiality, of past services, of past friendship  
~~it is the time for you to follow.~~  
 it is the point for you to propose & direct to  
 your sight of. It is upon these  
 grounds & there alone directed from  
 every other political or ~~personal~~  
 consideration that you are to move  
 & agree with the King, state your  
<sup>innocent</sup> ~~personal~~ attachment to his person at  
 all times & of all circumstances, &  
 consequently the duty you shall owe him.

previous to taking any step

upon You to explain the same personally  
the motives for the time spent, <sup>you should be obliged to do so</sup> which  
as an honest man, as attached to him  
& to the honor of connected with the  
Constitution of the Country. (Then proceed  
and  
with you you have all misinterpretations  
<sup>above any misinterpretations</sup>  
of a set of clamorers who are not only  
Your enemies, but ~~the~~ very honest  
men, at least of the side who will not  
make <sup>themselves</sup> ~~themselves~~ subservient to their  
<sup>Shrifters</sup> caprices, & I fear by pursuing  
<sup>the</sup> the line which Your Letter seems to indicate  
You will lay Yourself open to any thing  
or every thing their machinations & <sup>contingencies</sup>  
can suggest, instead of raising Yourself <sup>even the eyes of the whole world</sup> ~~at the~~

which are all upon you at this 39114 your country

great & awful ~~affairs~~ when ~~the~~  
seems to rely upon you for your services.

Thus far My <sup>dear</sup> Lord, have I ventured to state  
these sentiments which nothing can alter,  
& say as it may <sup>seem</sup> appear in me, I can  
not help hoping that they may induce  
you, to embrace the opportunity which  
the Service & Wednesday in the next  
week offer of ~~going~~ in to His Majesty's  
I shall be at home till twelve o'clock  
Tomorrow, & am with the greatest  
affection, My dear Lord,

Your very obliged Friend

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to Lord Mansfield's  
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The Prince of Wales

to  
Lord Mansfield

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