

C. H. Darymple to H. R. H.

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Sir,

Your Royal Highness having been pleased to mention to me, on Thursday last, that Your Royal Highness had disposed of The Crown, I permit me, Sir, to intrude myself upon Your Royal Highness for a moment, to say one word upon the subject of that piece.

When Your Royal Highness had honored me with the appointment to manage The Crown; I made the arrangements for that purpose, in the most exact manner, conformably with the instructions I had received, through the medium of Lord Chesterfield; and I scrupulously acted with that zeal & attention, which has ever characterized my conduct through life. I had no interest in view, but

that of Your Royal Highness; I had no other object but of maintaining
Your Royal Highness's floor; for however trivial two hundred
pounds a year is to me with my narrow income, I never would have
undertaken any business whatever under Your Royal Highness, if
I could have entertained the most distant idea, that I should have
incurred Your Royal Highness's displeasure. I have ever felt
and expressed myself under infinite obligations to Your Royal
Highness: I have, at all times, studiously, so far as any little weight
that I might have in the world, supported Your Royal Highness's
honour & character against every malignant slander that may have
come to my ears - I am sure, Sir, that The Duke of Gloucester will do me
the justice to say, that I have, at all times, spoke of Your Royal
Highness with that veneration & respect which gratitude requires -
And therefore, Sir, it gave me infinite pain to find, in a short
time after my appointment, that Your Royal Highness
manifested a strong disapprobation of my proceedings: This

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circumstances were within my attention, but being conscious of
no error, I yielded silently to the exigency of the moment, trusting
that time & patience would again restore me to your Royal
Highness's wanted favor & protection. The very generous manner
with which your Royal Highness treated me in Thursday & Friday
last, has relieved me from that anxiety which has so long oppressed me;
and I trust, Sir, that your Royal Highness would have that confidence
in my affection, when I assure your Royal Highness, that I sincerely
trust your Royal Highness should be pleased to employ me in any
situation whatever, your Royal Highness will find me ready, as I have hitherto
done, with fidelity, industry & honor -

With the utmost respect

W. H. Dabrymple near Kingston
October 24th 1796

your Royal Highness's
Most Devoted Servant
W. H. Dabrymple

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Colonel Dalglish
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