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The Lord of Monmouth
to
The Prince of Wales

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St James's Place
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I have come home from the
House of Lords but just in time to save the
Post; yet, had I had more time, I should
have had difficulty to give to your Royal
Highness any view of the state of affairs which
I could expect to be just. The few hours
which I have passed in town have not
afforded me the means of seeing persons from

show I could gain proper intelligence. From
the superficial observation which I have
made, nothing appears that need call your
Royal Highness to London earlier than
you may otherwise have intended. (Charles
M. Mahon told me you had desired to express
a desire to know what step I thought
would be most expedient for your Royal
Highness to take upon this manner of expect-
ed invasion. It undoubtedly, Sir, would be

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From becoming your station / & I well know it
is the dictate of your inclination / to en-
-heart that His Majesty would, in case of
a descent of the enemy, allow you to set
the example of staking your Life for his
Service in whatsoever manner should seem
most useful to the King. By leaving
the offer in these general terms, I hardly
think you would testify your zeal & your
Devotion more fully than if you solicited

the command of any body of troops; as the
latter might be misconstrued into mere desire
of an opportunity for distinguishing yourself
His sentiment would be laudable: but it
would not do equal credit to your duty
& your generosity with the other. Pardon
me, the hasty manner in which this is of
necessity written: and permit me to profess
yours with the truest attachment

Your Royal Highness's most
Obedient & most respectful servant

The Prince of Wales.

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