

Ld. Moura to H. R. H.

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Wolzhed, July 10<sup>th</sup> 1790

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Being on the point of embarking,  
I must beg leave to devote the last moments to be  
spent to my going aboard to expressing your  
Royal Highness that the interest you so  
condescendingly testified about this voyage  
will never fade from my grateful remem-  
-brance. Further instructions have been  
given to me of the respect which I am to expect.

but, satisfied that the step I am taking is right  
& necessary, I cannot look to personal consequences.  
I may be allowed to report that Your Royal Highness  
has so small share in my determination; that  
no untoward result will ever bear it a load  
upon your conscience. Looking forward to the  
meeting for the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, I did recollect that  
it had pleased you to say of me at the last  
meeting of the Society; and I was resolved that no  
man who says he there this year should have to  
think that I had not fulfilled the engagement  
which your applause established for me. It is

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My friend, Sir, that your Royal Highness now  
shall have to think for the opinion which you  
then designed to profess for me: but I think your  
present usage is correspondent to that senti-  
ment, because I am sure it has not been  
undertaken thro' either rashness or ostentation,  
but thro' the steadiness of rectitude.

With the truest & most affectionate duty,

I remain, Sir,

Your Royal Highness,  
Most obliged &  
Devoted Servant  
Moura

H. R. H.

The Prince of Wales

The Countess of Warwick

The Prince of Wales

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