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Sir

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Great George Street
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I will not attempt to describe either my obligations to Your Royal Highness, or the state of my mind from reiterated Disappointments, which have most materially injured my health, and plunged me deeper and deeper into wretchedness. But may I still be permitted to hope that Your Royal Highness's Benevolence will not abandon me in my difficulties, for I am now confident that upon that alone my whole and sole reliance must be placed. There is one thing, which though not of substantial benefit

benefit in itself, I am, from various reasons, tempted
to point out to your Royal Highness, from whose
suggestion to the Minister, upon the present occasion,
I think a refusal must absolutely be impossible.

I mean, Sir, an Irish Peerage, which, nominal
and barren indeed as that Honour has now become,
may perhaps eventually operate as the means of
ensuring some Provision for me hereafter. Would

Your Royal Highness, therefore, condescend to press
it upon Mr. Pitt in your own handwriting and
Language, as a matter proceeding from your
Royal Highness's own wish to afford some
consolation to my mind under the present circumstances
and not as any request of mine;
For I am now thoroughly convinced that any mixture

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of my supposed desires, would of itself be sufficient
to destroy all prospect of success.

May I here, Sir, without offence to your
Royal Highness, and in spite of the Chancellor's
most unfair and untrue insinuation, indulge
the Pride of adding, that I belong at least to as
Old and Respectable a Gentleman's Family as
Himself; that like Himself (and not like
Lord Carrington, whose former occupations he
has most inapplicably and disingenuously
quoted upon Your Royal Highness) I was
regularly educated for, and called to the Bar as
my original and only Profession; and that almost
ever since I was of Age, I have been in one of the
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most honourable and distinguished Officers under Her
Majesty's Government. When I know, therefore,
with certainty, that at this very moment, a
Scotchman, who is peculiarly patronized by the
Chancellor, and of very low beginnings, is
included in the numerous List of intended Irish
Peers previous to the Union, I cannot help
yielding a little to the honest Pride of an English
Gentleman, and I trust that Your Royal Highness
will not think the worse of me for giving way to it.

I am, Sir,

With the greatest Respect

Your Royal Highness's

Most dutiful and devoted Servant

Charles Montagu Pybus.