

J. L. Hippisley to HRH
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Council Chamber, Ledbury
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Sir,

From a spot, on which I had the
Honour, 12 years since, to be distinguished by the most
flattering proof of your Royal Highness's condescending
protection, permit me Sir, to recite the sentiments of
unappreciated, grateful obligation.

Having again the Honour to be returned to Par-
liament, I wish requests permission to say that whatever
may be the habits of my private Friendships, or
attachments to public Men, I shall ever prescribe
to myself the grateful Duty of obeying your Royal
Highness's commands, on every occasion, when the
personal Interests of the Science of Water become agitated.
Such a Rule of Conduct might indeed be adopted, without

apprehension, by the coldest Hearts that ever professed
attachments to your Royal Highness, afraid that no
Laws, of this description, was likely to be brought forward,
which did not appear, in the deliberate Conviction of
Your Royal Highness's Councils, to carry with it the
most unequivocal Claims to the Justice of the Nation.
Nor can any feeling Subject of His Majesty contemplate
the extraordinary prisons, & degraded servitude, of
the said apparent to the British Empire, without the
most sensible regrets; not less arising from a jealous
sense of the Splendour of representation which ought to
be inseparable from such an exalted Station, than
from a just reverence for Your Royal Highness's commendable
Talents and Virtues.

With every Sentiment of respectful Duty & Attachment

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

Your Royal Highness's
Most faithful & Obliged
L. H. Phillipps