

John Montagu to Duke of Kent  
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The Kings Arms  
March 27, 1804

May it please Your Royal Highness -

The Kindness I have continually  
Experienced from you; Emboldens me to lay before  
Your Royal Highness a few Particulars, relative  
to the situation in which I stand in respect to  
His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, -  
in the hope that you will condescend to become my  
Advocate on the Occasion -

When at His Royal Highness's request, I resigned  
my place of Clerk of the Stables, He kindly bestowed  
upon me a Compensation of 120 £ p Annum, which  
was to continue not only for my life but during  
M<sup>rs</sup> Montagu's also, if she survived me - but after  
Enjoying it some few years, one half was suddenly  
taken from me, and about five years since the  
other -

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The other half also, unknown to I am persuaded;  
and contrary to the Intention of His Royal Highness  
who with the greatest Kindness and Condescension  
confirmed the Original Grant by a Letter to each,  
which I have now in my possession —

Prompted by the Consideration of the Advance in Price  
of every Article of life, and by the Inconvenience  
Occasioned by the Civil List being so much in arrears  
that I have been under the Necessity of selling out part of  
my little stock — By the persuasion that through  
Your Royal Highness's Intercession, I may be again  
placed on the Compensation List, I have taken the  
Resolution to Trouble Your Royal Highness with the above  
Hoping that if I have Innocently done wrong, I shall  
at least Obtain Your pardon —

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I have the Honor to be —

Sir

Your Royal Highness's  
most Dutifull, and  
most Obed<sup>te</sup> Hum<sup>ble</sup> Serv<sup>ant</sup> —

J<sup>as</sup>. Montagu

To His Royal Highness

The Duke of Kent — &c &c &c —

For Montague  
Mar. 29. 1804