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Chesterfield: House

July 2. 1804

Sir

Your Majesty knows I hope too well the affectionate Attachment
I feel for Your Royal Person, & have doubted one moment of
the prompt & willing Obedience I shall always pay to Your
Commands. Under that impression I humbly beg to lay at Your
Majesty's Feet my Resignation of the Office of Master of
Your Horses, which You have graciously permitted me to hold so
long.

Lord Walsingham was perfectly correct when he stated
to Your Majesty, that I ~~was~~ was ambitious of the Honor
of being a Knight of The Garter. I humbly beseech Your
Majesty to accept my most grateful Thanks for Your
kind Intentions to gratify me with that Decoration on
Your Return from Weymouth.

Your Majesty concludes Your letter in a manner truly
gratifying to me. I should consider it as the most painfull
occurrence of my life, & be debarred the Comfort of paying
my Duty To Your Majesty. I shall ever consider myself
(and I entreat Your Majesty to permit me to do so) as a
servant attached to You by every Tie of Gratitude, and

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I shall embrace with eagerness every opportunity of obeying
Your Majesty's Commands, and every Occasion of manifesting
that Sincere, devoted & affectionate Attachment with which
I humbly presume to sign Myself.

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most devoted & attached
Servant and Subject
Chesterfield
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