

Ld. Elyhu Stone to Lord?

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Bigger March 9<sup>th</sup> 1843

My Dear Lord

From my not being in Devon  
& your letter having been sent  
to my Head Quarters at Freetown  
I did not receive it till  
yesterday. As I have never taken  
my seat as yet, I cannot and  
my Proxy, and at this moment  
it will be very inconvenient  
for me to ask leave to come  
to town as I must very soon  
be there to meet my Brother



with whom I have most par-  
ticular business. His Royal High-  
ness may rely on my taking no  
line except with his approbation  
& should there be any question  
relative to his Royal Highness  
or his affairs I shall be ready  
to come up at a moment's  
notice. Only you will see that  
I rather wish to reserve my  
leave from this country until  
I can profit by my Brothers  
being in town when I must be  
here at any rate —

I have written to Lord Keith  
to take an early opportunity of  
apologizing to the Prince for



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my not having taken my seat  
& to explain my situation to  
The Royal Highness

I am always My Dear Lord  
most faithfully & truly yours  
Elphinstone



Lord Ophiriston  
Nov 9. 1803.