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Sir

at a moment when I see your  
Closet occupied in a way I cannot wish  
for your sake I am afraid to approach  
it, and I therefore presume though  
very reluctantly to submit to your  
Majesty in this manner & with the  
almost deprecation & submission the  
case of my son Edward whom your  
Majesty has been graciously pleased  
to take under your protection.

Your Majesty had been so good  
at the instance of Lord North to  
consent to his having the living of  
Bundlesham in Suffolk & upon a letter  
of Lord A. Hamilton's which you was  
pleased to show me, your Majesty was  
indeed to express an inclination that

Lord North should make a compensation  
to my son before he gave up his pretensions  
to the Living. That compensation  
under your Majesty's countenance I have  
been as strongly soliciting as I could  
with decency & propriety ever since,  
but though many instances have  
occurred since the Living has been  
so circumstantially without success; &  
I am at last bound to say in justice  
to a Son that I seem as far as farther  
from the object than ever.

In this situation forgive me  
an humble request for bringing into  
your recollection a matter of so  
small moment. Was it an interest  
merely personal to myself, I should  
not trouble your Majesty upon it, as  
a father you will I hope forgive me for

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lacking the liberty in favor of a man  
who has some merit in that respect, &  
by whose influence I suppose he was  
induced to undertake the proposition  
he is in. The lying has been  
done at a considerable time, but  
I am far from wishing to know it  
if it is not your pleasure. I am  
glad if your Majesty wishes I am  
unacquainted with it I would not  
trouble you with a word upon it.

If your Majesty speaks with  
indifference about it & simply with  
a gracious view of satisfying every  
person concerned in the transaction  
I am sorry to find a disappointment  
with advice except your Majesty is  
pleas'd to interpose with your  
authority. My son must think

himself fortunate in adopting any  
line you shall please to direct about  
the living either to Lord North  
or to myself. I permit me simply  
to add to the trouble I have  
presumed to give your Majesty  
my assurances of attachment on all  
occasions; your Majesty's pleasure  
will make my submission ready  
& entire, & with those sentiments  
I hope to be forgiven for stating  
as I have now done the circumstances  
under which the living of Marblehead  
still stands. I have the honor to  
remain with the utmost duty &  
respect Sir your Majesty's  
most faithful &  
obedient servant  
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