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Sir

As I have the presumption to believe  
that your Majesty has confidence in my professions  
of aversion to faction, and of unalterable attachment  
to your Person, and zeal for your service;  
I venture, without apprehending any unfavourable  
construction, to request that your Majesty will  
dispose of the office of Constable of the Tower,  
either now, or on any future occasion, if it can  
contribute to the convenience of your arrangements.

My unrewarded endeavours to serve your Majesty  
and my country may perhaps induce your  
Majesty, with your usual kindness to me, to  
consider favourably my pretensions in the line of  
my profession, when a proper opportunity offers;  
which I should prefer, as depending more immediately  
on your Majesty, to holding an office which is  
generally looked upon as a civil employment.

I am your Majesty's  
Most Faithfull Subject  
and devoted servant  
Cornwallis