

Rev. G. F. Nott to Bp of Salisbury.

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I intended myself the honour of writing to your Royal Highness yesterday; but when I attempted it, I was compelled, through weakness to desist. To day I am somewhat stronger, and I hasten ^{to express} how much I am indebted to your Royal Highness for your constant enquiries after my health, and the several Exercises, you were pleased to send me. It grieved me that I could not make my acknowledgements at the time: but really it was beyond my power. My illness has been much more serious, than, for fear of giving your Royal Highness pain, I was willing to declare. But now that all fear is past, and I may indulge the hopes of being once more permitted, under the gracious protection of the Almighty, to instruct your Royal Highness in the Principles of Virtue, and honourable knowledge, I need no longer conceal, that for two days it was very doubtful, whether I should ever see your Royal Highness again.

The mercy of God, and under his Mercy, the skill, and kind attentions of my Physician have brought me safe through the attack, and I am encouraged to hope my recovery will be permanent. I humbly pray these hopes may be confirmed. I dare not flatter myself however but that some time must elapse, before I can apply to business.

My head is still so very confused, and my hand so very weak, that I must beg leave to conclude; though not

without once more thanking your Royal Highness for your
solicitude on my account. O! that it were possible for me
to convey to your Royal Highness's mind an adequate
idea of the awfulness of those impressions that are made
in the hour of pain and sickness, when we are brought to
feel sensibly, that there is a moment when the soul can
derive consolation from nothing but the remembrance
of a well spent life. Such impressions would not only
excite generous, and holy resolutions, but give them
effect: and produce actions, which would not only crown
your days with honour, but bring you peace, when every
earthly hope faileth.

I am, in the sincerest duty
your Royal Highness
most faithful servant

George Frederick Nott,

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