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[Enclosure]

Sir

I must entreat your  
Royal Highnesses Pardon for what  
I am under the sad necessity of stating  
to you this Morning & can only rely on  
your Royal Highnesses goodness to  
forgive me. I have been the whole of  
last night so extremely ill of one of  
my usual attacks of Spasms & fever  
that I have been obliged to send for  
Sir Henry Hallford. Under these



circumstances I feel myself totally  
incapable of catering upon the very  
anxious employment your Majesty  
Highness has been so gracious as to  
assign me in your family, & it is with  
the greatest reluctance I am obliged  
to relinquish the hopes I had entertained  
yesterday, of being equal to the under-  
taking. I can with truth assure your  
Majesty Highness that I would willingly  
sacrifice my health to serve you, had  
I not a Daughter whose sole I parent  
& Protector I am & to whom my life  
must be of some consequence. I have the  
honour to remain with the greatest degree



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of respect & gratitude

Your Royal Highnesses  
Devoted & Faithful  
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