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Sir

I had the honor of writing to  
you Royal Highness this morning  
I have had an hours conversation  
with Her Majesty by Her bed side -  
It turns out as I suspected - the  
moment Her Queen had ascertained  
that I had not presumed to inter-  
fere and thwart Her Majesty's  
inclinations about Miss Knight  
she endeavored to unbosom her-  
self to me, and to relate the  
whole of what had pass'd - the  
substance seem'd to be that Her  
Majesty took it for granted that  
Miss K. would now undertake  
the appointment you Royal  
Highness had been pleas'd to  
think

proper for - passing a little as I  
thought, the reproach which might  
fall on Her Majesty for standing  
in the way of it - but most  
unequivocally declaring our  
and over again that your R. H.  
had done, not only that was most  
natural, but most proper and  
right, in having chosen Miss  
M. for the appointment -  
Her Majesty dwelt most on  
Miss M.'s inconsistency - blamed  
this especially - but took pains  
to explain to me that H. M. had  
not called her ungrateful -

I thought it might be satisfactory  
to your R. H. to be informed

That the Queen had & properly  
 declared Her approbation of  
 every step which Your Royal  
 Highness had ~~undertaken~~ taken in  
 this business -

I am, Sir, most devotedly  
 Your Royal Highness's faithful  
 servant

Henry Stafford

I thought the Queen rather  
 better to day.

