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Sir,

As I am well aware of the many and important occupations which engross the time of Your Royal Highness, I am sincerely concerned at being under the necessity of arresting your attention for a few moments; but I am convinced that your Royal Highness would think me unworthy of the situation in which you have been pleased to place me, if I could tamely submit to the treatment which I have experienced since my arrival at Windsor.

As it was just five when we reached the Castle on Sunday, the Queen said that I might remain to dinner, but that, in allowing this, she did more for a daughter of Your Royal Highness than she had ever done for her own, as she was not used to sit down with their Subgovernors. This, I understand, was not

only said at that moment, but had also been Her Majesty's  
expression at other times, when speaking of me; and, if reminded  
that I had the honor of being one of the Ladies Companions  
and not Sub-Governess to the Princess, Her Majesty had always  
said that she considered it as the same thing.

Since the dinner of Sunday I have not been admitted  
into Her Majesty's presence; and while I make this representation  
to Your Royal Highness, as explaining the reason why I am  
thus prevented from doing my duty in attending Princess Charlotte,  
I by no means wish to force myself into the Queen's society;  
and I beg leave to remark that were Peere's alone, or the  
Daughters of Peers, allowed to dine with Her Majesty, I perhaps  
individually should have no reason to complain; but that,  
as Your Royal Highness well knows, is far from being the  
case. — I must therefore remember that my father was a  
Gentleman, descended from an ancient family, that he serves his  
King and country with uninterrupted loyalty, zeal, and

distinction; that he died an Admiral, and had some years before received the honor of being made a Knight Banneret under the Royal Standard, and of dining with His Majesty.

I must therefore consider that neither my birth, nor my situation about Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte render me unworthy of being admitted to Her Majesty's table, and parties; and I must look on the exclusion as proceeding from personal displeasure, which I lament having incurred notwithstanding my dutiful and respectful attachment.

I therefore fully confide in the honourable feelings of Your Royal Highness, under whose protection I am proud of considering myself, and whose promises of support are indelibly engraved on my memory. I trust I shall never be undeserving of them either in conduct or gratitude; or of the happiness I feel in belonging to Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte.

I am,

Sir,

With the most respectful sentiments,

Yours Royal Highnesses

Most Dutiful and Devoted Servant

Ellis Connelan Knight

Lower Lodge, Windsor

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