

Dr. Robt. Hallifax to Duke of Newcastle

5172

Albemarle Street

21th Jan'y. 1783

My Lord Duke

I beg the favours of Your Grace
Lambly to represent to the King, the high
sense I have of the Honours & confidence His
Majesty is graciously pleas'd to shew me
by ordering me to provide proper persons
to attend upon & supply His Majesty's
Household with Medicines at Windsor &
Aston as well as in London, & that I shall
always be happy to shew my Duty to the
King by devoting myself to His Service
in any respectable situation, & to be an
instrument in reforming the expence of it,
though to the further diminution of the
value of my own appointment.

If the number of His Majesty's Servants
who are to be allowed the benefit of Medicine,
be limited according to the regulation of the

late Duke of Grafton, & they are not to have the liberty of sending to the Apothecary for what Drugs or Medicines they think proper, which are not prescribed by the Physician to the Household; I should hope that the expence of this supply might be reduced to £300 a quarter for all the services together. But I am certain, to whosoever this contract is given, he must frequently give his personal superintendance over the Apothecaries & the Sick, wherever the Royal Family resides, or His Majesty's Service cannot be well executed, & bills would soon be brought in, equal to or exceeding this allowance.

I hope Your Grace will not think it an extravagant request, if I solicit your recommendation to the King to be pleased to order the continuance of the Salary, as now established, in compensation for the trouble & expence of those journeys.

The expence in London alone is now £1158
per annum.

Dr. Robt. Hallifax to Duke of Newcastle

5172(2)
I beg leave also to mention that my reliance
on the ennoblement of the appointment I now
have the honour of holding in His Majesty's
Family, has been the occasion of my relinquishing
all my other business; & that Mr. Holdich is
still quartered upon me, though his life
indeed is now very precarious. The above
calculation is made on the idea of the
appointment being given to one person, free
from incumbrance & deduction: but if the
salary be granted, an allowance might be
made from it to Mr. Holdich for £100
years during his life.

I have the honour to be
My Lord Duke

Your Grace's most obliged
& most humble servant

Robt Hallifax

Order Book
January 24 1783

Copy
to the Duke of Manchester
25th Jan. 1783.