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To the Duke of Manchester
13th Feby. 1783.

Doctor Huxford
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Albemarle Street
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My Lord Duke

D^r. Gisborne has acquainted me with Your Grace's proposal of allowing me twenty shillings a week to supply His Majesty's Servants in London at Windsor & also with Medicines; & of a further allowance of £100 a year to defray the expences of my necessary journeys to the two latter places.

It is with the greatest reluctance that I am obliged to decline any proposal Your Grace does me the honour to make to me; but as the terms of this contract would put both His Majesty's Household & myself on so near an establishment, that my accepting it

would materially injure my fortune, disable
me from doing credit to His Majesty's
Service, & disgrace the character & reputation
that I have had the happiness honourably to
acquire, I humbly beg the favour of Your
Grace to excuse me.

I hope too that You will give me
leave to acquaint You, that the appointment
I have at present the honour to hold in
the King's Family, is a Patent Office under
the Great Seal; & if it is Your Grace's
pleasure I should be deprived of it, You
will be so good to do me the justice of
procuring for me a compensation, equal to
what is to be allowed to other Patentees,
who have the misfortune to lose their Patents.

I have the honour to be

My Lord Duke

Your Grace's most respectful
& obedient humble Servant.

Robert Milder