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Albemarle Street

13th Feby. 1783.

Sir

I most humbly beg Your Majesty's gracious indulgence to permit me to lay before You, with all submission & respect, a proposal that I have received from the Duke of Manchester for the provision of Medicines for Your Majesty's Household; & the serious embarrassment it gives me.

His Grace ordered me in the last month to give him a plan for this Service, which should reduce Your Majesty's expence, & comprehend the care & attendance on the Household at Windsor & New as well as in London. After having represented in a longer detail the nature & duty of my present situation, I had the Honour of sending the inclosed proposal on the 21th of Janry.

Yesterday the Duke sent me a message by Dr. Gibbone, with an offer to allow me twenty Shillings a head of Ann. for the whole expence of Medicines & attendance at Windsor, New

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in London, with a further allowance of £100
years to defray the expences of occasional &
necessary journeys.

With the most perfect sense of Your Majesty's
own goodness & desire that I should not be
placed, by any regulation, in a situation
dishonourable to me; it is with the utmost anxiety
& regret that I feel myself compelled to submit
to Your Majesty's clemency & judgement, how
far it is possible for any Man of Character to
accept of a contract, that would endanger his
fortune, ruin his reputation, & deprive him of
the means to do justice or show humanity to
your Servants.

The Happiest circumstance in
my life has been the Honour of being in Your
Majesty's Service; & not being conscious of having
neglected the duties of my appointment, which
with more liberality to the Household has been
less advantageous to me than to any of my
Predecessors, I had flattered myself, when in
consideration of this Patent Office being given

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to me jointly with M^r. Holdich, I had quitted
other very reputable business, that I should not
have been liable to this disgrace & ill usage.

By advice of several respectable friends, who
were apprehensive for my welfare, I have
accepted a degree in Physick, that the Archbishop
of Canterbury with great kindness conferred
upon me, I am under a necessity to apply
myself to business again in that line.

If I have ever found grace in Your Majesty's
sight, I have not by any act of my own ever
brought reproach upon myself, I most humbly
beg that Your Majesty will not suffer me to
be dismissed Your Service without some Mark of
Your Royal Favour, & approbation of my past
conduct; on which my fame, character &
prosperity now depend.

If Your Majesty would be graciously
pleas'd to give me that honourable distinction
of appointing me Physician Extraordinary to
Your Majesty's Person or Household, and

permit me to ask the Prince of Wales to
confer the same honours upon me, Your
Majesty will give me a rank of consequence,
that I hope not to prove unworthy of, & which
will establish my reputation. Agnate de
for ever.

I have the honour to subscribe
myself, with the most profound
respect,

Your Majesty's
most dutiful & devoted
subject & servant
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July 13. 1703