

Ld. Bathurst

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Considering myself as solely obliged to your Majesty for the very honourable Offices I have enjoy'd, I never woud enter into any close Connexion with any particular part of your Ministers, tho' I flatter myself that None who may be in your Majesty's Service woud have any personal Objection to Me: I wish however to be under no Obligation to any one but your Majesty, & I shall be happy in every Opportunity of shewing my sincere Attachment to your Royal Person & Government.

Perhaps in forming your Administration there may be difficulty in finding a proper Person to hold the great Seal. putting it into the hands of Commissioners is never eligible, unless in very quiet times, & perhaps at present no one woud be found to take it without stipulating for a Pension & other Advantages, which might be inconvenient to your

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Majesty. If my Service can be usefull, your Majesty
may command me just for as long or short time as
shall be convenient, & your Majesty may rest assured
that I shall at all times think myself sufficiently
recompenced by my having the Power of shewing
my Zeal for your Service, being with the greatest
Veneration & Attachment

Yours

Your Majesty's

most faithfull

most obliged

& devoted Servant

Bathurst.

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Edw. B. Howard
18. Dec. 18. 6. 1843.