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Duke of Marlborough.

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1726

Sir

Hearing that you are to go the Circuit very soon I am very desirous to speak with you first, for I fancy that you will find more time when you are in the country to look over papers than you may always have in Town and as I have now great hopes that Mr. Guidott's cause will come on early next term, I would fain have you make yourself master of it before you come again to London when you will be in a vast hurry. I have got the case stated for you that you may carry into y<sup>e</sup> country, but I am sure you will add a great many very significant things to it; I imagine that it will be necessary for you to have our bill & Mr. Guidott's answer, but they are vast long things & whether I can get them copied easily before you go I don't know, nor whether

whether you would have time<sup>to</sup> read them before  
you go out of London, which I believe would be  
necessary in order for you to judge in what parts  
the case may happen to want your assistance in  
making it stronger: I am sure whatever is  
recover'd since the bill was amended is entirely owing  
to your advice, and as I know it is the plainest  
& best cause that ever came into the hall I am very  
desirous to have it appear there with all its Truths  
and beauty, for tho' the sum is very great which  
M<sup>r</sup>. Guidott has plainly defrauded the Duke of Marl<sup>b</sup>.  
of, yet I do solemnly protest that I am not so angry  
with him for that as I am for his insolence and  
for his spreading so many falshies concerning me  
and endeavouring to make people believe that I  
would prosecute him against all reason and justice  
and if he would to morrow pay down the money he owes  
I would not take it without having the cause heard  
because that way the world would not see how  
much I have trusted him & how much he has  
injured me.

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If you will be pleased to let me know in one line when I shall come to you I will not fail to be punctual to your hour, which will be better than your coming to me, because it will save so much of your time, and be no manner of uneasiness to me and if you will let me know what I shall send you in the mean time that we may be able to talk upon the business I will do it, & then upon your observation I shall be able to give you further lights in any thing that you may think necessary

I am as much as I ought to be

Your most Faithfull &  
most oblig'd humble servant  
J. Mordaunt