Wm. Herschel

Feb. 3 1788

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To Mr. Gieswell

Sir,

The forty feet telescope is advanced considerably and I have lately been casting the second great speculum; however, as the composition of the metal was pretty brittle, we found it cracked by cooling in the mould. Next week we shall cast it again with some small alteration in the mixture to render it a little more tough, and I hope we shall have better luck. When you can find a convenient opportunity, please to mention to the King that I wish to have 300 pounds more of the additional sum which it has pleased his Majesty to allow for the completion of this noble instrument.

I remain, Sir,

your most humble servant

Wm Herschel.

Slough. Feb. 3. 1788.

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House of Lords

Monday 11th Febry 1788.

House of Lords.
Monday Febry 11th 1788.
Minutes.

The White Sheet Hill Road Bill was Read a 2d time And Committed for to Morrow

Ordd That the Earl of Guilford and the Earl of Strafford be excusd from attending the Trial of Warren Hastings Esqr.

The Order of the Day for the Considn of the Motion made on Thursday last touching Lords Tickets for the said Trial.

And the said Motion being Read by the Lord Chancellor — The same was Agreed to And Ordd accordingly — Nem Dissent

Ordd: That the Minor Peers and Peers eldest Sons may walk in the Procession to Westmr Hall during the said Trial.

Adjd till to Morrow

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Euc.

Die Martis 5° February 1788.

Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled That the Serjeant at Arms be continued in the House to make Proclamations which are to be done in the King's Name.

That on the Day of Trial the whole Body of the House shall meet in the House in their Robes.

That being so met they shall go to Prayers as a House — And after Prayers they shall Adjourn into Westminster Hall.

That from the House the Lords shall go in this Manner — First the Clerks — Then the Masters in Chancery — Then the Judges — Then the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod — Then the Lords Two and Two — The Youngest Barons to go first, and so in Order according to their Precedency — Garter King at Arms calling them in their due Places by a List. — And when they

come

come into Westminster Hall, the Lords are to place themselves according to their Precedency in the House there, until all the Peers are placed.

That the Serjeant at Arms do go before the Lord Chancellor.

That in Westminster Hall the House shall be Resumed And other Ceremonies to be observed by Officers necessary to manage the Trial, be left to be performed according to the usual Methods of such Trials.

That the Lord Chancellor do ask leave of the House for the Judges to be Covered.

That Proclamation be made for keeping Silence.

Also.

For calling the ~~Person~~ Impeached to the Bar, who is to kneel until the Lord Chancellor bids him stand up.

That the whole Impeachment the Answer and Replication be Read; and that the Manner of Reading of the same be as follows That the first Article be Read and then the Answer thereto, then the second Article and the Answer thereto and so on till all the Articles and the Answers thereto respectively

respectively shall be Read and then the &c Replication.— Which being done, The Lord Chancellor is to tell the Commons that they may now go on with their Evidence.— Then the Lord Chancellor is to declare that now the Court is proceeding to hear the Evidence —and desire the Lords to give Attention.

That if any of the Lords or Members of the House of Commons who manage the Evidence, or the Person Impeached, &c do desire to have any Question asked, &c they must desire the Lord Chancellor to ask the same.

That if any Doubt doth arise at the &c Tryal no Debate is to be in the Court, but &c the Question suspended to be Debated in the House.

That the Members of the House of Commons be there before the Lords come.

That none be covered at the Tryal but the Lords.

That such Peers or Lords of Parliament who at the Instance of the Person impeached or of the Commons, shall be admitted &c Witnesses are to be Sworn at the Clerk's Table the Lord Chancellor to administer the Oath; and they to deliver their Evidence in their Places.

That

That those Witnesses that are Commoners are to be Sworn at the Bar, by the Clerk; and are to deliver their Evidence there.

That the Oath be.

The Evidence you shall give upon the Impeachment of Warren Hastings — shall be the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. — So help you God and the Contents of this Book.

That the Person Impeached may Cross Examine Witnesses Vivâ Voce.

That if any Peer of Great Britain — who has not a Place in Parliament shall be admitted as a Witness at the Tryal of the Person Impeached a Chair be placed for him near the Table in the Court, and that such Peer shall be Sworn by the Lord — Chancellor and deliver his Evidence — standing up there.

That the two first Benches in Westminster Hall shall be kept only for the Peeresses and their Daughters, and none others.

That all the Judges do attend this House at the Tryal of Warren Hastings Esq.r on — Wednesday the 13.th Instant.

That the Lords with White Staves do — humbly

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humbly move His Majesty from this House, that he will be pleased to give Orders that such Guards do attend at the Tryal of Warren Hastings Esqr. on Wednesday the 13th Instant in Westminster Hall, as hath been usual in such Cases.

That all the Constables of Westminster do attend in the Palace Yards at Westminster on Wednesday the 13th Instant and during the Trial of Warren Hastings Esqr. in Westminster Hall; and that they do take special Care, during the said Time that all the Coaches whatsoever, when they have set down the Persons they bring, be turned away through the Old Palace Yard and so to Abingdon Street and from thence so, that they cannot by any Way return through Parliament Street or King Street until four of the Clock in in the Afternoon.

To the High Steward of
Westminster his Deputy
or Deputies, and every
of them.

That no Person shall be admitted with Tickets into Westminster Hall until Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

That the Avenues to this House, shall be guarded

guarded; and Care taken that none be admitted but Lords Servants only, and the necessary Attendants of this House.

Die Veneris 8. Februarij 1788.

Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That on the Day appointed for the Trial of Warren Hastings Esquire, and during the Continuance thereof the Doors for Entrance into the Seats provided in Westminster Hall for the Lords Tickets be kept by the Doorkeepers of this House, who are at their Peril to let none in but such as bring their Tickets with them, and that the said Doorkeepers do take Care, that the Places appropriated for the Peeresses and Peers Daughters be kept for them, and that Two Doorkeepers do attend at each Door, and if the present Number of Doorkeepers is not sufficient for this Service, that the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod do appoint a sufficient Number of Assistants for that Purpose, and that the said Doors be not opened for the Admittance of any Person whatsoever into the said Seats before Nine of the Clock in the Morning.

Die Lunæ 11°. February 1788.

Ordered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled That every Lord of this House who will personally appear on Wednesday next at the Trial of Warren Hastings Esquire in Westminster Hall, shall have seven Tickets for the Admission of Persons to the Galleries provided for that purpose delivered to him in the Prince's Lodgings near the House of Peers on this Day + + by the Deputy Great Chamberlain's Servants: provided that such Lord shall then and there apply for the same personally; or if any Lord desires Tickets for another, the same shall be delivered to him upon the Averment of any two Lords that they believe the Lord for whom such Tickets are required will personally appear at the Trial on Wednesday next.

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That

That the same number of such Tickets shall be delivered out in like manner from day to day to, or on requisition for, any Lord who shall have attended on the preceding day and to and for none other.

In the Minutes Feby 11. 1788.

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Great George Street, 10th. Feby. 1788.

Sir Wm. Fawcett
February 10. 1788

Your Majesty's Adj.t General, together with the Field Officer in waiting for the Brigade of Foot-Guards, having, in obedience to your Majesty's Commands, settled this Morning with Sir Peter Burrell, the State & Strength of the Detachment of Guards, which will be required on Wednesday next, on account of Mr. Hastings's Trial, the same, in case your Majesty shall be pleas'd to approve of it, will consist, as on former Occasions of a similar nature, of a Body of 350 Men, from the Brigade of Foot Guards, with Officers, & Non-Commiss.d Officers in proportion, under the Command of a Field Officer; — together with 30 of the Horse Guards Mounted; — & the same number of Grenadier Guards, on Foot; — the Whole to assemble at half after Six on Wednesday Morning next, & to march half an Hour after.

It has been also agreed, that Sir P. Burrell, — the Field Officer in Waiting for the Brigade, together with the Field Officer, who is to command the

The Detachment, & the Adj.t General, are to meet together at Westminster Hall, on Tuesday morning, in order to fix upon the general Disposition of the Troops, & to make such further Arrangements, as may appear to be necessary upon the occasion. — It is presum'd that the Marquis of Lothian, Gold Stick in Waiting, when He has receiv'd the honor of your Majesty's Commands, respecting the Force to be furnish'd by the four Troops of Horse, & Horse Grenadier Guards, will think it expedient, to send likewise some proper Officer to Westminster Hall, on Tuesday morning next, to assist in the general Arrang=-ments, which may be then made, as well as to inform Himself, of the particular Duties, that may be destin'd for the Cavalry to perform upon the Occasion.

Ld. Sydney

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Whitehall
Feb: 12: 1789
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Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty a Paper, which was this morning delivered to him by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman

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man of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, and likewise the determination of the Board of Control upon the matter contained in the said Paper.

Lord Sydney also humbly

Submits

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submits to His Majesty's consideration a Copy of a Letter, which he proposes to send to the Directors, when he communicates to them the Determination of the Board of Control.

Lord Sydney

12th February 1888

H. M. to Duke of Brunswick

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Mon Cher Beaufrere et Cousin, Je souhaite si ardamment que les Etats Generaux trouvent de bonnes Troupes pour remplacer les Troupes Prussiennes, que je donne très volontiers mon consentement à ce que la partie de Vos troupes engagée à Mon Service comme Electeur en fasse partie, et j'ai déjà donné ordre a Mon Ministère que je consente à l'arrangement ~~comme~~ tel que Vous l'avez proposé

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Lord Sydney
February 20 1788

House of Lords

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Grosvenor Square
Feb: 20: 1788
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Lord Sydney humbly presumes to send His Majesty the Motion made by Lord Rawdon, and the List of the Lords who spoke in the debate. The Motion

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was withdrawn upon the general dis-
like shown to it by all parts of the
House.

Enclosure

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That an Humble Address be presented to his Majesty, praying that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to take into his Royal Consideration the Services of such Captains in his Majesty's Navy, as were passed over in the late Promotion of Admirals.

For the Motion.	Against it.
1. Lord Rawdon.	2. Viscount Howe.
3. Lord Hawke.	4. Earl of Sandwich.
5. Lord Rawdon.	

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Grosvenor Square
Feb: 27: 1788
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45 past 11 P.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty the Lists of the Lords Present, and of the Speakers in the Debate, which was opened with great Ability and Dignity by the Lord Chancellor.

Chancellor. Lord Stanhope made a motion, that Mr Hastings should answer the Charges Allegation by Allegation. This proposed proceeding was disliked by all parties, and indeed had it been wished to be pursued, could not easily have been put into practice. His Motion had the

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question put upon it: and the Debate upon Mr Fox's proposal from the Bar entered. Lord Loughborough entertained the Lord Chancellor with great Eloquence and some declamation. He was answered ably by Lord Grantley. Lord Stormont & Lord Carlisle spoke and divided in the Majority. The Latter spoke particularly well. The supporters of

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the motion seemed towards the latter end of the Debate to desert a great part of their own ground, seeing that the disposition of the House was strongly against them, which was manifested by the Division, in which several Peers, who are unconnected with them voted for them, but still raised their party to no considerable height.

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Lord Present
Feb. 21: 1788

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Die Jovis 21. February 1788.

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m.2 York.
Bp Norwich.
Chester.
Salisbury.
Bangor.
St Davids.
Peterborough.
Carlisle.
Bath & Wells.
Litchfield & Cov —
Rochester.
Landaff.
Exeter.
Durham.
Gloucester.
London.

1 Prince of Wales.
2 D. York.
3 Cumberland
m.3 Ld Chancellor.
m.4 M. Stafford C.P.S.
a Com. Camden Pres.
m.5 D. Chandos.
m.6 Newcastle.
m.7 Bridgewater.
4 Devonshire.
5 Manchester.
6 Norfolk. E.M.
m.7 Brandon.
m.8 Richmond.
a Montagu.
5 Portland.
7 Bedford.
m.9 M. Lansdown.
9 Townshend.
m.10 E. Salisbury.
m.11 Hardwicke.
10 Stamford.
11 Hanthope.
m.12 Macclesfield.
12 Spencer.
m.13 Oxford.
m.14 Chesterfield.
m.15 Galloway.
m.16 Abingdon.
13 Huntingdon.
m.17 Coventry.
a Doncaster.
m.18 Radnor.
m.19 Norton.
18 Abergavenny.
Jersey.
19 Exeter.
20 Tankerville.
m.20 Aylesford.
19 Derby.
m.21 Suffolk.
m.22 Brook & Warwick.
m.23 Talbot.
23 Cholmondeley.
m.24 Breadalbane.
m.25 Carlisle.
21 Harcourt.

m.26 E. Hopetoun.
m.27 Westmorland.
m.28 Chatham.
m.29 Rochford.
m.30 Waldegrave.
27 Fitzwilliam.
23 Scarborough.
m.31 Essex.
m.32 Denbigh.
m.33 Harrington.
m.34 Delawarr.
m.35 Winchilsea.
m.36 Balcarras.
24 Powis.
a Sandwich.
~~Denbigh.~~
m.37 Norwich.
m.38 Dichester.
25 Leicester. 2
m.39 Strange.
m.40 Berkley.
m.41 V. Weymouth.
m.42 Stormont.
m.43 Courtenay.
m.44 Mt. Edgecumbe.
m.45 Hampden.
m.46 Howe.
m.47 Wentworth.

a Ld Osborne Un. Pr.
m.48 Sydney Un. Pr.
m.49 Middleton.
m.50 Sandys.
Brownlow.
Chedworth.
Amherst.
Montfort.
Walpole.
Milton.
Craven.
Loughborough.
Digby.
Lovaine.
Berwick.
Sommers.
Walsingham.
m. Porchester. 2
Say & Sele.
m. Lawdon 2
Harrowby.
Dacre.
Douglas.
Pelham.
Hawkesbury.
King.
Grantley.
Rhiniard.
Cathcart.
Hay.
Southampton.
Ducie.
Heathfield.
Foley.
Bulkeley.
Willoughby de Broke
Boston.
Cardiff.
Hawke.
Fortescue.
Onslow & Cranley.
~~Sommers.~~
Ponsonby.
Delaval.
Howard de Walden.

Order of Day, to take into Consideration the mode of Proceeding on the Impeachment of W. Hastings Esqr.

1. Lord Chancellor 2. Earl Stanhope who

moved, that the Managers on the part of the Commons of Great Britain be directed neither to proceed upon the whole of the Charges, nor upon their Accusations Article by Article, but to proceed to support the criminating Allegations one by one.

Against the Motion.

1. Earl of Coventry.
2. Earl of Abingdon.
3. Lord Loughborough, who moved

NB. This motion had the previous Question put and carried upon it.

"that the Managers for the House of Commons and the Prisoner be informed that the Lords will proceed to hear the first Article in the manner proposed by the Managers.

Against it.

1. Duke of Richmond.
2. Viscount Stormont.
4. Lord Grantley.
6. Lord Grantley.

For it

3. Earl of Derby.
5. Lord Loughborough

Negative.

7. Lord Chancellor.
9. Earl of Carlisle.

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Teller. E. of Galloway

Ayes.

8. Lord Loughborough.
10. Duke of Norfolk.

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Teller. E. of Derby.

Resolved in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Commons be informed that they do proceed to produce all their Evidence in support of their Impeachment before the defendant is called upon for his Defence.

Motions and List of Speakers Feb: 21: 1788 House of Lords

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House of Lords Thursday 21. Febry 1788.

House of Lords.
Thursday Febry 21st 1788.
Minutes.

This Day the Royal Assent was Pronounc'd to the Scotch Distillery Bill and three other Public Bills — By Virtue of a Commission — under the Great Seal for that Purpose

The Worcester Roads and Mr. Browne's Name Bills were brt. from the Commons and Read a 1st time.

The Riddlesden Common and the Marchwiel Road Bills were Read a 2d time and Committed for to Morrow. As was also

Ld. Falmouth's Estate Bill and Committed for to Morrow Fortnight.

A Petn. of Mr. Glynne. And also

A Petn. of Mr. Hicks for Private Bills were severally presented and Read and referred to two Judges to Consider and Report.

The Judges Report on Mr. Biscoe's Petn. for a Bill was Read and the Bill a 1st time.

The Order of the Day being Read for taking into Consid.n the Mode of Proceeding upon the Articles of Impeachment of Warren Hastings Esq.r — and for the Lords to be Summon'd — And for the Judges to Attend.

Mov'd That the Managers on the Part

of the Commons of Great Britain be directed neither to proceed upon the whole of the Charges nor upon their Accusations Article by Article but to proceed to support the criminating Allegations one by one.

Which being Objected to
After Debate

The previous Question was put Whether the said Question shall be now put

Resolv'd in the Negative.

Then it was Mov'd That the Managers of the House of Commons be Inform'd That the Lords will proceed to hear the first Article in the Manner proposed by the Managers.

Which being Objected to
after Debate

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The Question was put thereupon.

Resolv'd in the Negative.

Ord: That the Commons be Inform'd that they do proceed to produce all their Evidence in support of their Impeachment before the Deft is called upon for his Defence.

Adj: till to Morrow

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La Haye 29me Février 1788.

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Sire

Leurs Hautes Puissances les Seigneurs Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies ayant nommé le Baron de Nagell Ambassadeur auprès de Votre Majesté je ne Saurois le laisser partir sans le Charger de remettre cette Lettre a Votre Majesté. J'espere qu'Elle excusera la liberté que je prends de saisir cette Occasion de l'assurer de ma Vive Gratitude pour toutes Ses Bontés & de mon Sincere & respectueux Attachement pour Sa Personne,
Qu'il ne Soit jamais en meme Temps de lui témoigner combien ardemment je desire que l'Alliance qui resserreroit les Noeuds qui ont subsisté si longtemps & si heureusement entre ma Patrie & la Grande Bretagne n'auroient jamais

du le rompre, puisse etre promptement conclue.

Je compte trop sur les Bontés pour craindre de lui deplaire en mettant sous les Yeux que pour que cette Alliance puisse etre durable & que la Puissance qui a le plus d'Interet a la traverser n'en puisse venir a bout il est Necessaire qu'elle soye fondée sur une base Solide & que les deux Nations ayent egalement Interet a la Conserver.

Je dois lui avouer Naturellement que je ne vois pas sur a la faire Conclure sur le Pied que Mr. le Chevalier Harris l'a proposé a Mr. le Conseiller Pensionnaire Van der Spiegel & je crois qu'il est Necessaire pour deroutes entierement les Intrigues de la France que Negapatnam soye rendue a notre Compagnie des Indes & que l'on prenne des arrangements touchant la Navigation dans les Mers de

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l'Orient qui mettent la Republique a l'Abri de la Crainte de voir passer en d'autres mains le Commerce des Epiceries.

Une Preuve aussi forte des Bontez de Votre Majesté & de l'affection de la Nation Angloise pour ce Païs feroit le plus Grand Effet & je m'assure que ce seroit le Vrai Moyen de rendre l'Alliance Solide & durable. Surtout si on faisoit des Arrangements par Un Traité de Commerce au Sujet du Transport des Munitions Navales & en particulier des Bois de Construction qui puissent oter a la France les Armes dont Elle s'est servie avec tant de Dexterité pour obliger ce Païs a protéger Une branche de Commerce au maintien de laquelle cette Puissance est plus Interessé que nous & cela sous le Specieux pretexte qu'un Refus de Protection Armée de cette branche de Commerce blesse la Neutralité & prouve Une

partialité pour leurs Ennemis.

Je m'étois toujours flatté de voir Consolider l'Effet de la Révolution a laquelle Votre Majesté a daigné prendre tant de part & que la Conclusion de l'Alliance avec la Grande Bretagne & la Prusse intimideroit les malintentionnés & mettroit un frein aux Menées de la France & ce n'est qu'avec Une Vraye Peine que moi & j'ose dire tous ceux qui pensent bien dans ce Païs, voyent que l'Alliance avec la Grande Bretagne ne marche pas d'un pas egal avec celle que nous allons Contracter avec la Prusse & de ce que nous nous trouvons dans la Situation de ne pouvoir Encore Compter la Grande Bretagne parmi nos Alliés, tandis que nous le Serons avec d'autres Puissances.

Je fais bien des Voeux pour que les Obstacles qui occasionnent le Retard d'une Alliance que je regarde & ai toujours regardée Comme Utile aux deux Nations puisse bientot etre levez & j'espere que en faveur de mon Zele pour ce que je regarde Comme l'Interet Commun de la Grande Bretagne & de ma Patrie

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Votre Majesté excusera si je l'importune par une lettre aussi longue.
Daigner Sire agréer que je termine cette lettre en me recommandant avec les miens a la Continuation de la Protection & de la Bienveillance de Votre Majesté dont Elle a daigné me donner tant de Preuves & que je lui renouvelle les assurances du tès Profond Respect avec lequel j'ai l'honneur d'être,

Sire,

La Haye ce 29 Fevrier 1788.

De Votre Majesté
Le tès humble & tès
obéissant Serviteur & Cousin
G. P. d'Orange.

Stuart

Br. Genl Douglas
February 1760

To The King.

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Sire

In the private Audience which Your Majesty was Graciously pleas'd to Grant to me Yesterday, On reflexion, I suffer a very painfull Apprehension, lest, from being Unaccustom'd to Address Your Majesty, I may, much Contrary to my intention, have so indistinctly express'd myself, as to have rather given Offence; But, the Loyal & dutyfule Respect which I ever have, & shall entertain for My most gracious Soverign, Let the Event of the humble Request I then made, be what it may, I find I can not be happy, untill I risque these few lines, as my Appology, most humbly beseaching that your Majesty wile be graciously pleased to receive it in good part.

I meand then most humbly to have informd You, Sire, ,, That ,, I computed about £4000 due to me for the Civil Service I had performd, ,, as Stated in my last Memorial to the Lords of Treasury; The Heads of which, ,, I humbly beg leave herewith, in Support of what I have the honor here to advance, ,, to lay before You; which Claim I was willing to relinquish in favor of the ,, Publick, humbly Submitting my Request, of being restord to the Command of a ,, Regiment, to Your Royal Equity, & gracious Consideration; Observing at same ,, time, tho' perhaps improperly, That, at the present advanced period of my ,, Life, any Regiment that might be given me, could not in a pecuniary way ,, indemnify the Sum claimd.

Having passd the greater part of my Life, in the Military Service of your Majesty's Crown, I am Stile willing, with zeal & Ardor, to devote

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the remains of it to your Majesty's further Service, being with the most Loyal Duty, and respectfule Submission to whatever your Royal decision may be in regard to the Request I have had the hon to make, &c

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

London Feb.ry

1788.

Most devoted, Loyal Subject
and faithfule Servant

H. Douglas M.G
& Col.o of the 104.th Foot.