

Duke of Clarence

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St. James's.

May 13: 1789.

Sir,

I embrace this occasion of returning

Your Majesty my thanks for the allowance Your Majesty has been
pleas'd to make for my establishment: the allowance coming
entirely from Your Majesty's civil list. I cannot but esteem an extra-
ordinary liberal on the part of Your Majesty, and being well ac-
quainted with Your Majesty's sentiments respecting the im-
propriety and ill consequences of ever being involved in debt.

I should esteem myself fortunate to make Your Majesty a solemn
promise on this subject: but as I trust I shall never put it to

punctual performance of any promise which I make I think
it my duty not to incur the risk of deceiving Your Majesty
by giving expectations that I can live within the present in-
come and at the same time maintain the character and
mode of living inseparable from the station I bear to
Your Majesty and my situation in the country.

I beg leave however to repeat

my gratitude to Your Majesty being convinced that Your
Majesty's kindness and affection which it ever will
be my first object to merit would not suffer my
income to be inadequate, if the state of Your Majesty's

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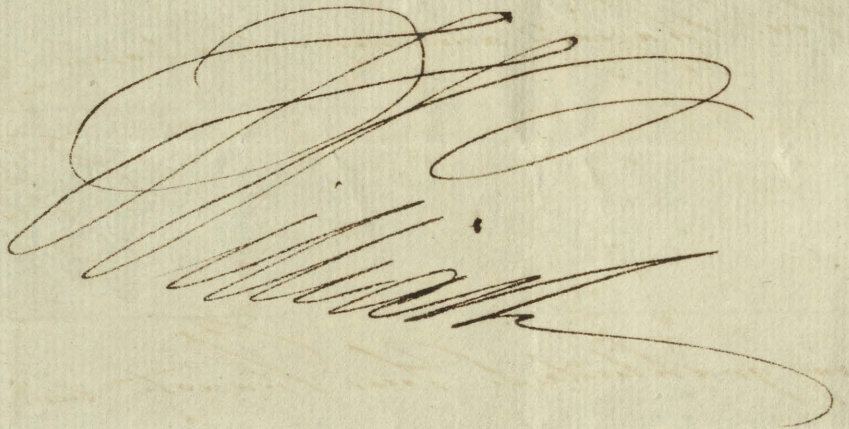
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civil list, would have allowed of an increase

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son and Subject



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23rd May 1789