

London Dec. 30th 1783

John Maule
to Pine Hill
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I am to thank your Royal Highness
for your obliging favor of the 5th of this month
Accept with it, the Compliments of the Season
may your R. Highness Live to enjoy many
of them in Health and Happiness, as an
Ornament to your Country, and a Patron
to your Profession

I have no doubt but your R. H. has
heard of the Great and sudden Change of the
Ministry. Lord Temple and Mr. Pitts Party
being all come in, but the Gazette will Inform
you the Particulars, Lord How you will
see at the Admiralty and I am Informed

Lord Hood is one of the Jun^r. Lords, but his Lordship is not in Town or have I seen him lately, W. Fox and Lord North have still a great Majority in the House of Commons on the 12th of Jan^r. They try their Strength and it is thought doubtfull whether the Present People will stand their ground, or Not.

The Canteen your R. H. Desires is made, and at your Apartments ready for the first conveyance, but I am rather apprehensive the River is at present froze up and that it cannot be sent till it opens, but I have given Directions to send it by land if possible — Your friend George Baker went to the Continent some time since, Sam Hood his

his Companion, Alex. Hood & Cap^t. Domet. went soon
after them, I take the liberty of Inclosing a
letter of Schombergs to Cap^t. Merrick by which
Your P^r. H^l will hear how that little Gentleman
does. I have heard nothing of little Dick.

I have been very Busy lately furnishing
a little Cottage which I have taken a lease
of, at a Village called Stanwell in Middlesex
it is situated about five miles on this side of
Windsor 15 from high park corner so that I ride
it in an hour and a half I expect to get to it
in about ten days as London Weather agrees
with my Constitution or Finances, Should your
Royal Highness ever strol that way, I wish you
may be lucky enough to find a Gold Pigeon Eye

in the House. I am sure M^r. Maude would be
happy on such an Occasion even to rob her
Neighbours Pidgeon house sooner than fail of
Producing one —

I am happy to find your Royal Highness
got so well over the Affair of La Petite fille
They are Dangerous things to deal with,
and when worth looking after, require a
great deal of Secrecy and trouble in the
Pursuit, and after all, we are often deceived
and the Suite is Dangerous —

I enclose with this a few late Country
dances, and am with due Respect your
Royal Highness's most Devoted and
Obliged Humble Servant
Respects to Gen. Bude. John Maude