

Ld. Hertford

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Sir

I trust your Majesty will
pardon my addressing you once
more, I am sensible I have done
it very often lately but my
circumstances have been such
that I could not avoid it and
be assured I was doing my duty,
a principle which I flatter
myself will make it irrevocable
to your Majesty whom I wish
to obey & please to the utmost
of my power. I am now with
regret bound to ask your Majesty's
leave to absent myself presently
on Saturday & that the Vice

Chamberlain may officiate for me;
My father has made it his earnest
wishes request that I should
not appear in public till after
Lady Branchamp is buried & as
his petition is founded upon the
common practice of the world in
such cases, I hope your Majesty
will not think him blameable
or that I would offer any reason
but such as I thought your Majesty
would approve for avoiding any
part of my Duty & particularly
where your Majesty's family &
feelings were concerned.

Your commands shall be obeyed

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if my judgment is mistaken in
this respect; In every other instance
within my province nothing has
or will be omitted to show the
utmost attention to your Commands
& the most perfect respect upon
the most solemn occasion. The
dilemma are very near complicated
when they are entirely so while
I expect to night or tomorrow
morning I will beg leave to transmit
them for your Majesty's satisfaction.

I have the honor to be with
the truest attachment and respect
Sir

Great Street
Feb. 11th
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your Majesty's
most faithful &
most dutiful servant
Hertford

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