Ld. Egmont

July 9 1765

May it please Y. Majesty

I returned about six this Evening from a Conversation of more than two Hours with Mr. Yorke, in which I received not the least Satisfaction upon the Point I was Commanded to enforce with him, by Y. Majestys Letter of this Morning. He first declared strongly that he could never depart from his Resolution not to take the Attorney Generals office without the perfect Contentment of Mr. Norton - He then resisted if possible more firmly the Expedient of the Patent for Precedency - And finally, and with great Earnestness persisted to advise, that all Persons and Things should be suffered to rest exactly as they now stand with Respect to Y. Law, till (after many other Changes should be gradually made) the Considerations relative to that Department might be reassumed.

When I told him, that I was confident Y. Majesty had no desires of Y. own to make any Changes of the Law Offices to Mr. Nortons Prejudice, but that nevertheless the State of Your affairs seemd to render Mr. Nortons Removal a Measure wch

could not be prudently avoided or delayd; He replied that Your Majesty had it in Your Power absolutely to reject such a Proposal and to prevent it, recurring so often to this Advice and to the same Assertion that I could not well understand his Meaning - But having at length got from him that the Chancellor on Sunday last told him it was Your Majestys Intention to make no Alterations in that Line; and as he acknowledged very unexpectedly a few Minutes before we parted that he had seen Lord Rockingham last Night at ten o'Clock, that he had talkd to him very fully upon the Subject, and believed he made an Impression upon him, It struck me immediately that for some Reasons (whatever they may be) He hopes that the Persons with whom he has lately begun to Negotiate may now themselves persuade Your Majesty to yield to his Objections, tho they were not allowd to have any Weight before.

Should this be done, Mr. Yorke will be probably taught to suppose that the difficulty imposed on him, and the design to sacrifice Norton never really proceeded from the Quarter whence it sprung - and Norton (thus preserved) may be inspired with great Resentment to others and great Gratitude to them: Turns of this Nature being not at all improbable in Times like these.

I have humbly presumed to trouble Your Majesty thus at length upon this Subject wishing that Your Majesty may be prepared in all Events that may occur, & begging Pardon if the Information should appear unnecessary, or the Suggestion prove ill founded.

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Mr. Elliots Discourse has Edified me much more than that last recited. His Declarations of duty to your Majesty were manly, without any Reserve and such as would have afforded your Majesty great Pleasure to have heard from his own Mouth.

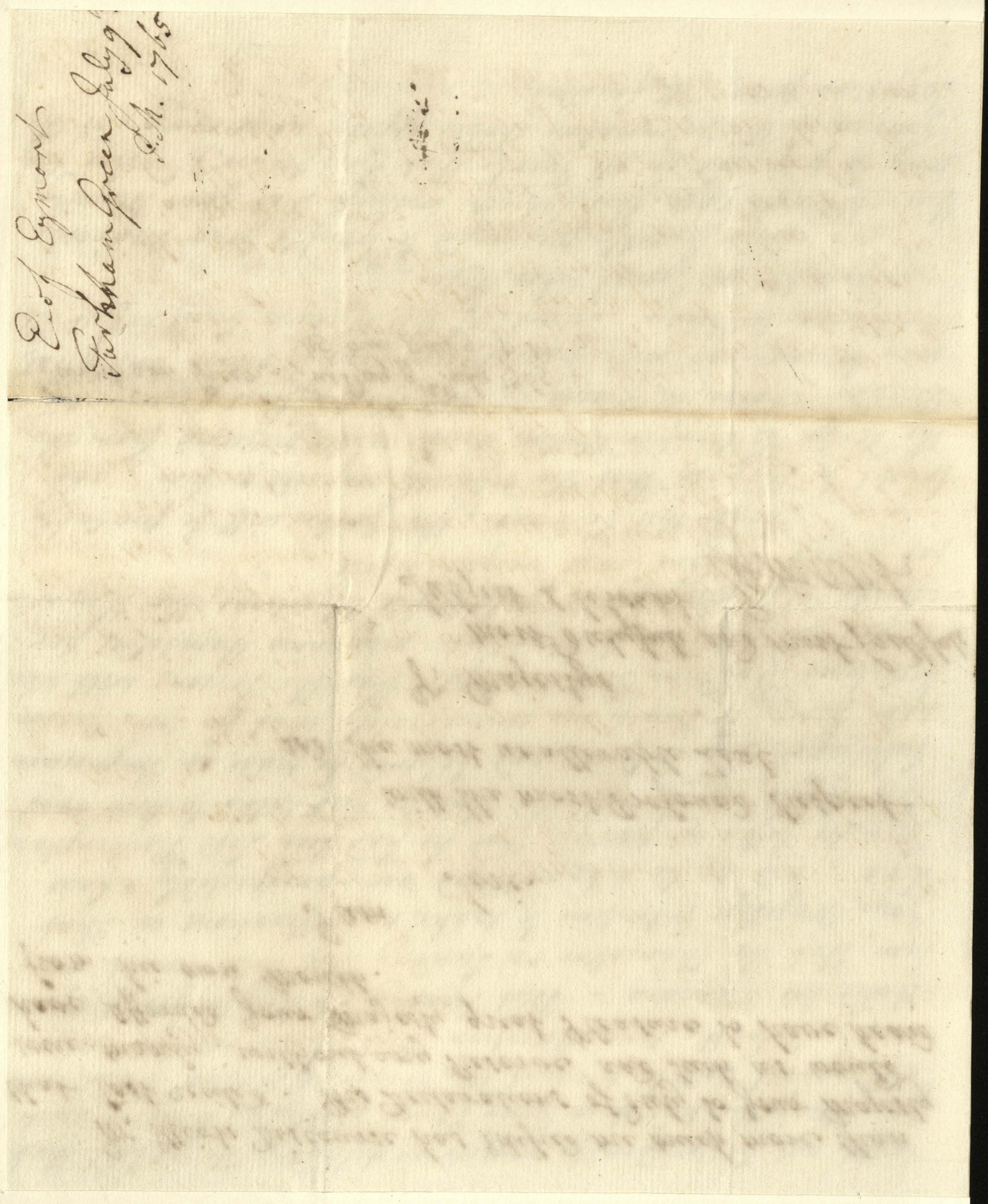
I am

Sire

with the most Profound Respect
and the most unalterable Zeal

Y. Majestys
most dutyful and most faithful
Subject & Servant Egmont

Turnham Green – Tuesday. 9th July 1765
45 min past 9. p.m.



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