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Sir

Lord Halifax has acquainted me with the most gracious tho' unmerited Protection, with which your Majesty was pleas'd to honour me lately, when an attempt was made to remove me from your Service. He will endeavour to express to your Majesty my sense of this goodness; but I am totally unable to express it my self. It demands a great deal more than the strongest assurances of Gratitude; and I therefore implore your Majesty to accept such return, however poor, as I can offer.

When an honourable and lucrative Employment can be of the least use in settling or strengthening your Government, I humbly hope Sir, you will be pleas'd

to deem the Treasurership of the Navy vacant for your disposal. What I would not resign at the summons of Faction, I can most cheerfully give up at the Call of Duty.

I am not tired of being in your Majesty's Service, of which I am extremely proud: I am not disgusted with office; which is agreeable, & tho' not necessary, convenient to me: The Employment I have the honour to hold I prefer to all others; your Majesty most graciously bestow'd it on me, as a mark of your approbation. While your conveniency permits, I am ambitious to continue your servant; when it requires that my office should be in other hands, I should be miserable if it remain'd in mine. The same duty, the same Zeal, the same affection (if I may presume to use that expression) for your Majesty, shall ever animate my Conduct, whatever be my lot; and whether in or out of Place, every effort in my power shall be always exerted in support of your Government, however I

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may think of, or be inclined to those who carry it on.

I have ventured to write to your Majesty,
both as conceiving a Letter less troublesome or presum-
ing than an Audience; and from an ambition to
make the most solemn and lasting professions, of
the unbounded gratitude and entire devotion with
which I am

Sir,

September the 1st
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Your Majesty's

Most faithful,

Most humble &

most obedient

Subject, & Servant.

Barrington

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M. Morrison for reply
17.8.63.