

Hanover.

April 9th 1704.

Sir,

During the time that the late extraordinary
tumults in England were at their greatest heat, I did not
presume to take up Your Majesty's time by making wishes for things
turning out to the satisfaction of all honest people at home, & as
I could do nothing else but that, I was silent there. I redoubt & I
felt for our tender parent as much as an affectionate son could do;
however as at present affairs at home were a more fair & promising

aspect, permit me now, Sir, to make my best & heartiest wishes that
during the rest of Your Majesty's reign, neither publick nor private
disputes may come across the peace of mind of the best & tenderest
of parents. As far as it may lie in my power to conduce to this happy
event, I certainly shall use my best endeavours not only because
it is the duty of every child towards his father, but more particu-
-larly so mine after having been distinguished by such
special marks of favour as I have been.

As I am now writing, the quarterly Messenger arrived & brought
me Your Majesty's letter, which I shall answer this day fort-
-night. I am happy to find my Lord Wood is likely to be elec-
-ted for Westminster.

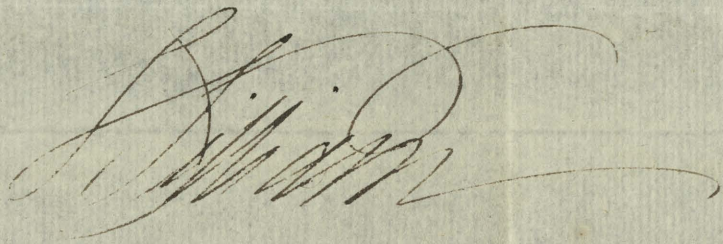
It ever will be my utmost endeavours

to merit my father's esteem, & to prove myself to be,

Sir,

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

A highly stylized, cursive handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to George III, written in a formal, elegant hand.

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Duke of Clarence

9th April 1784