My Lord

your Lordship never should have received I am sure the letter I addressed to you at Portman square as I never could conjecture you would turn a deaf ear to a humble request as Cmirse which it last deserved something more than unfailing silence.

I am not I trust to be a solitary individual who will not feel gratified at your Lordships restoration. We have known each other [1] upwards of thirty years, and I consider so much your Lordship on cool reflection that I am entitled to a mark of your friendship when disease and poverty are my neighbours.

What are a few pounds to your Lordship if they are never returned to the benefit they will afford me on a bed of thorns. I do not let it be said that you refused a trivial assistance to a friend who in serving you brought ruin on himself. There are some times when the thread of friendship ought to be drawn close otherwise than giving reason of complaint and I trust you will not admit of the [2] latter but allow me at all events to hear your determination which every gentleman however unfortunate has a right to expect.

With these sentiments
I remain your
Lordships true
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