

and by your protection, to address you with deference, yet with candour and firmness. While, with virtuous indignation, he shall expose negligence, oppression, or misdemeanor, in any servant of your Majesty's or in any branch of your family, connected with the welfare of the country, he will mingle with his zeal an animated affection for your person—he will consider you as a common parent, express his complaints, his opinions, with moderation, respect, and deport himself with the utmost duty and submission. I look up to you as the father and protector of your people.—May their gratitude and loyalty justify your affectionate anxiety for them—may they unanimously pray that *hic ames dici pater, atque princeps*. Thus impressed, I would, with all humility, declare my sentiments upon more than one subject of real importance. Whether it be applied to your bosom as a parent, to you as the head of your army, as a steady promoter of peace and good fellowship, or of public harmony; I am uninfluenced by prejudice and partiality, by any selfish views; unawed by the high rank, the power, tyranny, or malignity of any person or persons whom I may mention, whose claims to public esteem, or to public reprobation, I shall discuss in this letter; I know the dark evil persecuting spirit of one inflated self idolized deity, whom I shall invoke or rather provoke; the service of personal danger, which I volunteer; but public justice is, with me, paramount to every other consideration; and, as I am neither

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