

Ld. Hastings to H.R.H. -

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Camp, Gwalior District.  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 1810.

Sir

The fear of being taxed  
with presumption would be readily overcome  
by the experience of your Royal Highness's be-  
-nignity, but there is another apprehension which  
I do not so easily satisfy tho' I cannot bring  
myself to subscribe to it. I am awake to all

the objection of recalling your Royal Highness's  
mind to a dreadful theme. Yet how is it possi-  
-ble that I who have been so continually fa-  
-voured with your unwearied kindness should  
leave your Royal Highness's having suffered  
such a pang & refrain from saying my Heart  
bled with anguish at the intelligence. Humble  
as is the profession of that feeling, your Royal  
Highness will not disdain it. You will think,  
Sir, it is what ought to exist in the breast  
of one so signally distinguished by your bene-

fi-  
-ence, and you may regard the Devotion which  
eyes the expression as justifying in some  
small degree your royal Highness's gra-  
-ious partiality. I dare say no more on the  
subject than I recollect not in my exist-  
-ence the having undergone an equal Shock.

With Attachment as less Reverent  
-al than Grateful, I remain

Sir,

Your royal Highness's  
Most obliged & most  
Obedient Servant  
The Prince Regent. Hastings

*The change of Harton*  
*April 24. 1810.*