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Sir

I should deem myself lost to if best Emotions of the human heart, did I not seize with avidity this flattering opportunity of addressing you, ( thro' the medium of a dignified Citizen Gen. J. Smith ) and acknowledging the debt of gratitude I owe you - Debt, beyond expression to calculate Gratitude, too ardent to be concealed.

But I shall forbear to wound your refined Sensibility, either by venting of overflowings of a thankful heart, or yielding a just tribute of praise to ~~your~~ unexampled Merit.

Your kind and benevolent Recommendation, has raised me very high indeed, in it scale of public estimation, and given to an obscure Individual, personal, moral, and political consequence in this City.

Here I am, exhibiting a trial of skill in sound Divinity, pure Rhetoric, and natural Eloquence - It is true, I carried w<sup>th</sup> me my Cloak, and parchment; but they shall not be left behind like Paul's at Troas - I wear my Cloak indeed, but neither to cover the defects of my mind, or conceal the black traits of an ill heart - And tho' my parchment's have no claim to ~~your~~ <sup>desert</sup> proofs of Infallibility, yet I trust, they are not wholly ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> some sentiment & expression "paint Blank to the heart."

Shall I render thanksgiving to Heaven, and congratulate you Sir, on the general peace of Europe? Humanity bids me rejoice, while my heart bleeds for my devoted Country - Ah poor Erin! ill-fated Hibernia! much I fear thy charms are wasted forever - Yet my Soul

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Soul triumphs in y<sup>e</sup> persuasion, that it will have  
direct tendency to tranquillize your Administration,  
Party spirit begins already to hide its hateful Head, whilst  
Aristocracy blushes as ashamed of y<sup>e</sup> light.  
Let them now felicitate each other on y<sup>e</sup> issue of Willy  
Pitt's struggle for true Religion, social order, and good Go-  
vernment.

You will have the goodness to pardon my boldness and  
Intrusion, in calling off a fluttering instant your Atten-  
tion from the momentous concerns of a mighty Em-  
pire, over which the smiling Providence of beneficent Heaven  
hath raised you to rule in Wisdom & Equity.

That you may long live y<sup>e</sup> darling of y<sup>e</sup> People, the father  
of your Country, the firm friend, and resolute Advo-  
cate of civil and religious Liberty, is not only the de-  
sire of my heart, but a primary object in my  
morning and evening sacrifice to y<sup>e</sup> great God.

Believe me Sir, with truly Gratitude  
and cordial Esteem,

Yours truly

John Glendy

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I hope for y<sup>e</sup> pleasure of seeing you on my return  
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