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Thanet Place Tary . 24. 1784 John Reeves

AUTOGRAPH LETTER TO REEVES (JOHN) LORD SYDNEY. 2 pp. 4to. My Lord, I take the liberty of sending the two volumes of my history; and return your Lordship my warmest thanks for the honour you do me in presenting them to his Majesty. I have thought upon the subject to which your Lordship was pleased to attend with so much goodness, and find it difficult to mention any specific instance in which, as far as I can judge, your Lordship could serve me, at present. My wish is, and it seems the most prudent plan, to go on with my book, and to rely upon that, for my reputation, and perhaps success, in the profession of the Law. But this cannot be done without the assistance of some situation, either in the profession, or, at least, compatible with it. Besides, however, I might wish this, I must attend to a consideration that ought to supersede every choice, or preference of mine, that is, "an assistance"; to compass which, I would readily give up not only the book, but the law; with which, I confess, I am somewhat disappointed and disgusted. I should think, that with habits of business and diligence and with such attainments, as reading and enquiry may have furnished me with, I could be useful in many stations: especially as I am eager to be employed, being rated with the study and leisure I have been too much indulged in, of late: and which, after all, seems to be of no use, either to myself,

or any one else. So heavily do these reflexions upon my circumstances and situation hang on my mind, that I would readily sacrifice all professional prospects, for a present employment and a competency. This, my Lord, is my whole mind upon this subject if an opportunity should offer, where your Lordship thinks you can assist me, with propriety, I am willing to declare on my part, that I think I should hardly refuse any thing. I beg your Lordship's pardon for this trouble, and am, My Lord, Your Lordship's Most obliged humble Servant, JOHN REEVES. Thanet Place, July 24, 1784.