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Bohemias  
Madame;  
Her excell<sup>ty</sup> may<sup>ty</sup>

According to the <sup>11</sup> commands of the King, <sup>and</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>hon<sup>or</sup></sup> <sup>our</sup> <sup>self</sup> <sup>have</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>graciously</sup> <sup>pleas'd</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>com<sup>mand</sup></sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>write</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>this</sup> <sup>manner</sup> <sup>that</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>most</sup> <sup>unworthy</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>servants</sup>, I have used all possible means to give the Prince a strong impression of S<sup>r</sup>. James Sandilands his childrens poore and pittifull state, being now, as I was told since, deprived both of Father and Mother, and so reduced to the case of an ~~single~~ <sup>entirely</sup> <sup>utterly</sup> <sup>deprived</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>ruined</sup> family. And would to God, Madame, the effect of my sute might be like to my affection. But the <sup>too</sup> <sup>low</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>childish</sup> <sup>young</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Boy</sup>, doth overthrow all the hopes I dare <sup>with</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>own</sup> <sup>conceit</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Prince</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>redemption</sup>. And indeed, this unfortunate yeare hath discouraged <sup>with</sup> <sup>me</sup> <sup>so</sup> <sup>many</sup> <sup>old</sup> <sup>Officers</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>but</sup> <sup>children</sup>, that for everforth I perceive I will hardly be persuaded, <sup>to</sup> <sup>make</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>children</sup> <sup>young</sup> <sup>Officers</sup>. —  
Howsoever, Madame, I do most humbly beseech your Majesty to have such opinion both of my obedience and duty, that notwithstanding the deprivation of the sute I will see <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>best</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>power</sup> <sup>by</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>uttermost</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>endeavours</sup> that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> <sup>right</sup> <sup>of</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>ambitions</sup> is to be assured

Madame

Yr most  
humble  
faithfull  
servant