

London 8th August 1805

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I am with regard

Dear Harry

Yours very sincerely

James M. Gillroy

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Henry Mackenzie Esq^r

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At the Lydian
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