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**A Letter To The Right Honourable The Earl Of Sandwich,
First Lord Commissioner Of The Board Of Admiraliy, &c.**

Forster, George

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To the Public.

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We may yet be heard; — this is our last hope; but we are prepared for the worst, even for the last disappointment. If we must be ever neglected, we will not be forgotten. We are not unfortunate like ourselves, neither to imitate us in credulity, nor by giving a powerful enemy opportunities to exercise his talents, to bring on themselves a wretched and unmerited fate.

AFTER our repeated applications to the Earl of Sandwich, and the mediation of friends, have failed of success, nothing is left but to complain to the public at large. It is barely doing justice to ourselves, and paying the debt of gratitude to our friends, to say that we have never been unworthy of their protection. We have been most wantonly oppressed, and are now undone, without the smallest offence on our part. At the awful moment of public calamity, the misfortunes of a single devoted family, may perhaps not be noticed; but the existence of that family is so dreadfully precarious, that they must run all hazards to be heard. If the cause of the oppressed ever merited the attention of men who have it in their power to check the oppressors, it must be when friendless foreigners, trusting solely to the promised rewards of their assiduous labour, are cruelly deceived, arbitrarily deprived of their due, and robbed of the means of ministering to the wants of several helpless individuals who depend on them for support.



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