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Honoured Sir,

An Address to You in English needs no Apology, since it is well known to all, who have the Happiness of an intimate Acquaintance with You, that not only the

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English, but likewise all the other European Languages, in which any Pieces valuable for the Improvement of Learning have been published, are alike familiar to You.

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I reckon it a great Happiness, the having been near five Years one of your Pupils, during which Time You were so kind as to direct
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direct and advise me in all my Studies; and I gratefully own, that it was You who first led me into those Philosophical Researches, which have since procured me the particular Favour of our Worthy President, and the great Honour conferred upon me by Him, the Council and Fellows of the ROYAL SOCIETY, in chusing me One of their Secretaries.

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I hope You will accept this as a Token of the most sincere Respect and highest Regard, which I shall ever retain for You, being,

SIR,

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Your most obliged,
and most devoted,

humble Servant,

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