

obtain a longer Permission for me by His Majesty, so that I
shall be obliged to make my stay here longer than I thought.
One request I must make to you, which is that you would insinuate
my most devoted Respects to My Lord and My Lady Shaftesbury,
You know how much Their Kind Protection is precious to me,
Sir Windham Knatchbull will find here my respectfull Compliments.
You will encrease my obligations if by occasion you will present
my humble service to some other Patrons and friends of mine.
I expect with Impatience the Favour of your News, concerning
your Health and welfare, of which I take a real share,
as for the News of your Operas, I need not trouble you
for all this Town is full of their ill success, by a number
of Letters from your quarters to the People of quality
here, and I can't help saying but that it furnishes great
Diversions and laughter. The first Opera I heard my
self before I left London, and it made me very merry all
a long my journey, and of the second Opera, call'd Penelope, a
certain noble man writes very jocosly, il faut que j'edise avec
Harlequin, notre Penelope n'est qu'une La Mope.
but I think I have trespassed too much on your Patience.
I beg you to be persuaded of the sincere Veneration and Esteem with
which I have the Honour to be

Your
most obliged and most humble servant
George Frideric Handel