

Sir

I think myself exceedingly flattered by the honour which the Royal Society of Peterburgh have conferred on me, in electing me a foreign member, and also by the very polite manner in which you have notified it to me. It will always be my endeavour, by my future exertions, to appear as little undeserving as possible of such a distinction.

With all the respect that is due to a person of your distinguished

merit, with which I have long been
greatly impressed. I am

Sir,

your very sincere admirer

and humble servant

Birmingham

13 Dec. 1780

J Priestley