

A Communication to Gen. Richard Grenville

Oxford Nov: 9th 1789

Dear Grenville

I find I did you great injustice in my last letter by accusing you of not writing, and I am now to thank you for two letters which I received by the Commodore, altho' you chose a very ^{large} ~~fast~~ conveyance for them, and for your last of the 14th of April which came to my hands by the Oxford Indiaman early in September. No man could have been more sincerely rejoiced than myself at the King's recovery, and few persons except yourself could have been more mortified than I was at the disappointment of all the hopes we had formed about another passage. I could have forgiven his wildness to the greatest excess; but the want of feeling that he shewed for a Father who doubted

or lion, and the prospect of becoming a contemptible
 runner of ^a party, and of ~~keeping~~ a table for fellows
 that the ought to have been ashamed to have been seen
 to speak to, only because they had abandoned every
 principle of honor and honesty and ever decency, have
 made me lament that I ever was acquainted with him,
 and determine to exert to an old resolution that I had
 formed, to treat Prices with respect, whenever I was
 so unlucky as to meet with them, but never to form
 any connexion or associate with them; I broke it in
 the instance of our late friend, and I have repented it.

Let that subject rest, My Dear Grenville, you had done
 as much as man could do, and you would have made
 him pass through life with a decent and amiable character,
 if a superior and a most ruinous influence had not
 interfered.

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 character which Mr Pitt exhibited in the last winter,

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When he was encompassed with more difficulties
 than ever a Minister yet had to encounter, seem to
 have made an impression upon the good people of
 England, that will not be easily effaced; And if the
 King keeps his health for a few years, we may still be
 a great and a powerful Nation, in spite of one of the most
 formidable factions that any Country ever produced.

I have only time to add that I am perfectly well, and
 that I have very reasonable ground to look forward to
 a prosperous and creditable conclusion of my government,
 and I can most truly assure you that it will give
 me great pleasure to pass some quiet days with you.
 Reps desires me to present his best Compl^{ts}; I am

My Dear Grenville

Your most faithful
 and affectionate Friend

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~~John Bull~~

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