

Duke of Northumberland to Capt. Hon John Rodney

[Enclosure]

June 26th 1795.

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Dear Sir

The packet which I received from Ministers on the last evening for Laureston is by no means unknown to you. You cannot therefore be surprised that I should wish to oppose them to the utmost of my Power. As I have great reason to think that a speedy & sudden Dissolution of Parliament is likely to take Place, it becomes necessary that I should understand precisely the Sentiments of those Gentlemen who I can bring into the next Parliament.

This I suppose you may recollect you did not attend, on account of the particular manner in which you was situated with the Princess, to which for that time I had no objection, but you must also be convinced that this year's conduct cannot continue, as otherwise if my members & I do not appear in Parliament, my weight & consequence in Parliament is totally lost,
Hon^{ble} Cap^t. Rodney

& the Minister gains the very Point at which he aims.
 Permit me therefore to beg that you will without
 reserve disclose your sentiments to me on this subject,
 & to spend I shall be happy to find them such, as shall
 enable me again to recommend you to my Friends & a
 Source of, being with the greatest truth

Dear Sir
 Your most sincere Friend
 Northumberland.