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May it please Y^r Majesty

Though my Lord Despuencer told me yesterday that he had seen Y^r Majesty yet I think it my duty to transmit his Letter to me, in return to that w^{ch} I wrote to his Lordship by your Majesty's Commands.

I hope your Majesty will excuse my farther Presumption in enclosing a Letter w^{ch} I received last night from Mr. Yorke, in consequence of which I have appointed to meet him at the Admiralty this afternoon about 3 o'clock: Because Y^r Majesty being probably acquainted with those new Circumstances he mentions, and of which I am at present uninformed, may perhaps think proper to prepare me by some New Instructions & Commands previous to my Conversation with him.

Lord Townshend press'd me yesterday in a very earnest manner to remind Y^r Majesty of Mr. Vernon L^{td} S^t. Tower and to beg Y^r Majesty's Protection for him. I told him that in the present Situation, it would be highly improper for me to approach your Majesty upon any Subject not immediately relative to the Business of my own Department — But recommended that he would signify his desires humbly to your Majesty himself; and that he would then take the opportunity to hold the same Language, which he held then to

me, & which was different from what he had held before, being clear and express that he should keep himself unengaged from any Influence of past Connexions.

I have had lately a very long and Confidential Conversation with the Duke of Bolton, which I believe your Majesty will think it my Duty to Communicate without Loss of Time, as I understand that he is to attend your Majesty to morrow — He told me frankly that His Brother the late Duke had attached himself to Lord Temple & Mr. Pitt entirely by his Management and at his Instigation: But that both his own Situation, & that of the Publick are at this Time entirely changed. That he considers himself now totally freed from all Connexions, & for the future will avoid all Engagements of that kind with any Subject, or any Party whatsoever — That his Attachment shall be to the Crown only — That he sees how Contemptible, & weak it is for a Peer of England independent as he is, and with a great Estate, to be dragged along in the Suite of any Private Man or Set of Men whatever, and to become the mean Instrument of their Views, their Faction, or Ambition. — He gave me Leave to say that these were his Sentiments when I thought proper to say it, w^{ch} I took as a hint to report the Conversation to yr Majesty & to your Majesty only. It will therefore rest in your Majestys Judgment, how far (without seeming to know any thing from me) yr Majesty may think fit to give him an opportunity for a like Declaration of his Sentiments personally to yourself, if he should wish so to do

Turnham Green.
Saturday 13. July 1765.
32. min past 9. a. m.

I am

Sir

with the most Inviolable Attachment
and the most profound Respect
Yr Majestys most dutyfull & most faithfull
Subject & Servant
P. MONTAGU