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May it please your Majesty

There was nothing wanting to complete the Measure of my Concern for your Majesty's Situation and the Condition of this Country but to know by the Strong Evidence of the Letter with w<sup>ch</sup> I have been honoured this Day, how sensibly yr. Majesty is yourself affected. It would be cruel and unworthy in me under such Circumstances to expatiate upon any of those Topics on w<sup>ch</sup> yr. Majesty <sup>in your</sup> unparalleled Goodness and Confidence has been graciously pleased to Communicate with me. My Part hence forwards shall be to make the best of what is past; and I most humbly beg Leave to assure your Majesty that I will bear with Things the most painful to myself, and most repugnant to my Nature and even my own Judgment, so long as I can hope to do you the least Service, to relieve the Uneasiness of your Mind, or to ward off the Smallest Inconvenience to your Majesty's Affairs - and I mean to do this as cheerfully, and as far, as in Honour and in Conscience It may be in my Power to do.

I left Mr. Yorke after 3 hours Conversation at half an Hour after 5 this Evening - He appears to me hurt upon the new Event beyond Expression, and says there is not a Man of Eminence in Westminster Hall, who will not be hurt likewise - He told me in how pitiful a Manner the D. of N. first broke the News to him by a Note on Thursday Evening -

He talks of it as a most humiliating Circumstance to him-  
self - He hinted at many future Consequences, and spoke  
plainly not only of the Timidity, but of the Folly and want  
of Foresight in his former Friends - This Event he says has  
confirmed him ten Times more strongly, in the Determination  
to persist in his Advice that no Alteration sh<sup>d</sup>. be made  
now in Westminister Hall - That the Place of attorney General  
pursuant to many Precedents, needs not to be filled up in  
a considerable Time - Above all he hopes none may be  
made as proposed to him, w<sup>ch</sup>. would be construed by all the  
world as a Step submitted to by him to facilitate the other  
Measure, and as a kind of Bargain on his Part for that  
Purpose; w<sup>ch</sup>. he had always suspected it was intended to be -  
- But having vented himself in this & much more of the  
like Discourse, Mr. End with the most Earnest Professions of  
Zeal to your Majesty - He prayd of me to assure your Majesty  
in y. most positive Manner - 1<sup>st</sup> That No Circumstance whatever  
should deter him from pursuing a duty, just and proper Conduct  
in Publick, so far as in Honour and Conscience, he could possibly  
go - 2<sup>dly</sup> He beggd of y. Majesty (if any Arrangements in the  
Law must be made) to forgive his Resolution to give no Answer  
till every thing proposed of that kind was done and over -  
3<sup>dly</sup> He commissond me to let your Majesty know, that so  
soon as every Thing of that kind was over, He would then  
humbly give an Answer relative to Himself, and pay such Obedience  
to your Personal Commands, (but to y. Majestys Commands only)  
as sh<sup>d</sup>. be consistent with what he had profest; and give full  
Evidence of his Duty, and Respect.

I think your Majesty may now depend upon it, that no

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other answer will be obtained from Mr Gothe - But I believe  
Y<sup>r</sup> Majesty may equally depend upon his proper Behaviour,  
and that some Time hence, by Y<sup>r</sup> Majestys own positive Injunction,  
he may be induced to accept either the Patent of Precedency,  
or perhaps even the Place of Attorney General - Though  
of this, (for some Reasons w<sup>ch</sup> he gave me too long to be men-  
tioned at present to your Majesty) he seems to have a very great  
abhorrence.

Lord Townshend has sent me a Letter on behalf of  
General Vernon, w<sup>ch</sup> he desires of me to lay before your Majesty,  
and which I therefore most humbly presume to enclose

I am

Sire

with the deepest Sense of Gratitude  
and Respect

Your Majestys

most Dutiful, most Faithful  
& most Obedient Subject & Servant

Egmont

Turkham Green

13. July. 35. min. past 9. p. m.

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly a letter or document fragment]*

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