ye whole transaction of the Change of the Ministry in July must appear so very extraordinary to those who were not in a situation to know the true spring & causes of it; that perhaps justice to myself requires the putting it on paper; my chief care shall be to state nothing but what is most exactly agreable to truth, & not to give way to that heat which the very uncommon usage I met with might in some degree authorize.

To state the whole with accuracy it will be necessary to look back to My first mounting the Throne on the 25th of Oct. 1760, When confirmed those in the Administration of Public Affairs who had been so placed by my Grandfather, & addopted the same measures. The usual jealousys that have subsisted between Ministers appear ~~even been in so~~ so between the D. of R. & Mr. P.

this occasion & the former
applying to me in the Feb. following
that I would remove the E. of H.
then Secretary of State for
the Northern Department, &
prevail on the E. of B. to accept
that Ministerial office; this
I agreed to & the E. of B. very
honorably accepted as it was
the opinion of my most confidential
Ministers, & not objected to
by Mr. P. or Ld. G. tho. his own
private feelings made him
prefer the Court line; thus
things continued till in Oct.
when Mr. P. & Ld. G. on the
rest of my Counsellors not
adopting their opinion of
War should be instantly
declared against Spain,
retired; on this Mr. G. was offered
the Seals who tho. he accepted
the carrying through the
Public business in the H. of C.
yet declined the office as he
thought it not delicate to
step into the shoes (as he expressed
of his Brother in Law) therefore

pressed that the E. of E. whose sister
he had married might have it;
& the D. of B. who six months
before had resigned the Lieut.y
of Ireland became Privy Seal;
ye E. of H. was on this resigning
appointed to the Lieut.y. thus
the Ministry continued till
in April, when the D. of B.
resigned the F.y. because the majority of his
own board refused to apply to
Parliament for an additional
million, which conduct was
adopted by the majority of
ye Ministry; then ye E. of D.
was appointed at ye Head of the
Treasury & Mr. G. whose delicacy
had made him decline the
Seals before, from the same
cause thought he must
succeed to the Seals of the
Northern Department, tho
his Brother in Law kept the
other Seals, on some disagreement
in Sept. on the Peace it was thought
most advisable to give the Seals
held by Mr. G. to the E. of H. who
on the Death of Ld. A. had been

put at the head of the board of Ad.y, & Mr. G. went to the presidency of that board; Mr. T. took the department of the Sec. of C. in April, the E. of B. thought his health too much impaired to continue in the ministry & shew'd his very great moderation, in declining at the same time any post of dignity; the very real affection & opinion I had of him, made me consult him as to his successors, & I appointed Mr. G. to the treasury, who with the two Secretarys formed the Consilia bilum; the E. of B. went to Harrowgate for his health in May, till which time they were desirous of his opinion on all affairs, but on his return their minds were cankerd with the most violent jealousys against him, which soon broke forth very indecently even against me, for on the death of the E. of G. I thought the abilitys & character of the E. of

the best suited for the Presidency of
the Council, this tho they at first
gave into, soon after shewed their
apprehension of such a measure
being then resolved to have alone
my confidence & seeking the
superiority of that Great Man
to them; their ill humour was
so much encreased in Aug.t that
the last time I saw the E. of E.
we were on the worst of terms
& I was thoroughly resolved to
change my Ministers, on his
death; I saw Mr. P. & attempted
to get him again into
office but did not succeed
I therefore offered Mr. G. cordial
support if he would act firmly
& would do his business well,
He pressed to my great surprize
for the E. of E. to succeed his
Brother Law this surprized
me much for part of their
ill humour in May was owing to
my appointing that E. 1.st D. of
the Ad.y He persuaded the D. of B.
to be President of the Council
who but a fortnight before had

declar'd to me the Kingdom
ruin'd if Mr. P. did not come
in to Government, nay said
I ought to give him Carte
blanche, & now said his
insolence was so great that
every honest Man ought to
join to keep him out of Office
the E. of B. to shew he did not
interfere in Ministerial
Affairs chose to pass that
whole Winter at his new
purchase of Luton, & this
D. when the E. return'd in
March had the face to
declare that that was
a breach of agreement, poor
Man! He was so frenetick, y.
Lettres de Cachets run in
in his head; thus He & his
Colleagues continu'd whenever
they thought themselves in
danger from Part— y. Opposition
they were submissive, but
when once they thought
themselves secure of y.
then their whole attention

was confin'd not to ye advantage
of their Country but to making
themselves masters of the
Closet & estranging those
whom they thought not
subservient to them; no office
fell vacant in any department
y^t Mr G. did not declare he
wou^d not serve if the man
he recommended did not
succeed a very strong instance
of this insolence appear'd
in his sending for M^r W.
the S. of the W. & abusing
him for my having entail'd
the painters Office &
he us'd this very remarkable
expression, that if Men
presum'd to speak to the
on business without his leave
that he would not serve
an hour; had I followed
my own inclinations I
certainly shou^d have
dismiss'd him the moment
I heard this, but I knew

the great detriment it would
have been to the public
affairs had any change
taken place during the
time that the National
business was transacting
I therefore stiffled my anxiety
when the E. of M. wished to
decline from his state of health
returning to Ireland, y^e. D. of B.
in a slight manner named
Ld. W. as a man He thought
might do well in that station
but added He thought I
alone could judge who
was fit for that office, I
instantly objected to him
as not calculated for it, &
gave my reasons a few days
after I was seized with the
complaint that so long
confined me, when I had
seen Mr. G. a couple of
times He touched on y^e necessity
of naming the L^d. L^t. of Ireland
I said I agreed to y^e but that
a proper subject must be

recommended; he expressed y^t
D. of B. warmth y^t it may be =
Ld. W. Scott asked him if he
knew y^e Character of y^d person
named, he said no, on which I
gave him it very exactly;
to which he replyed it might
be so but whoever y^e D. of B.
recommended, he would support
~~[illegible]~~ if
they were parted & not much
satisfyd with each other;
when, I had maturely weighed
with myself ye confusion y^t
would have arose if I had
dyed here being no provision
made on such an event for
the Administration of
Government; I resolved to see y^t
regulated before ye end of the
Session, & knowing y^t M^r G.
would be but too happy to
call this his measure; I resolved
to open my ideas to ye Ch^r
previous to ye acquainting
him with it; having done y^t &
also to ye D. of B. wh I must do
justice receive it with
apparent joy & gratitude

Mr. G. on ye. contrary was rather
grave & thoughtful; ye. next
time I saw him he loudly
complain'd to me of want
of confidence for not having
consulted him on this; I
treated his suspicions with
contempt & shewed him yt.
in Ministerial affairs he
might perhaps have a colour
tho no reason to complain if
not the first consulted, yet in
affairs of a family concern &
wherein the good of the Nation
at large was concerned that
was not so; during the different
stages of the Regency bill
through ye. H. of L. every Iron
was in the fire to thwart
it; & in ye. H. of C. things
were brought back in some
degree not by the Ministers
but independent Men;
on ye. D. of K. having expressed
to me the D. of C. wish to
assist me in getting such
a Ministry as might be
capable of the great trust

reported in them, I saw the D.
ye treating for that purpose
was begun but M^r. P. declin'd
at that time taking office &
ye other Gentlemen did not
chuse to risk engaging unless
under his banner; this drove
me to ye most cruel of all
necessitys the keeping those
men y^t I thought neither
from the weighty abilitys,
nor dutiful deportment worthy
of their stations; they demand'd
terms before they would
consent to continue; being
at that time by the conduct
of all disabl'd from resenting
this fresh insolence y^t acquies'd
in their terms which were
1°. y^t D. P. should not be consulted
either as to men or measures.
2^d. y^t M^r. Mack. should not only
loose the patronage of Scotland
but be dismiss'd from his nominal
Employment, tho they knew I had
promiss'd him never to remove
him.
3°. y^t D. G. should be remov'd &
Ch. F. succeed him.
4°. y^t D. M. should be appointed D. G.

of Ireland.
Tho not able to remove them
I could not be so wanting to
myself as to treat them otherwise
than as Jailers, Mis coldness to them
added to a similar conduct
with regard to their family
& Dependents, made the D. of B.
come before He went out of
Town & drew a paper out of
his pocket wherein He declared
ye the coldness I shewed him &
his followers, & the countenance
I shewed men He did not like made
him & his Colleagues resolve
to retire if I did not by the
time He returned to Town
treat them with cordiality
& frown on whomever they
did not like; this insolence
was too great to be brooked
Therefore by ye advice of
the D. of C. sent for Mr. P.
with whom I had too very
satisfactory conversations who
would have taken Office if
Mr. F. by declining accompanying

had not in his opinion disabled him from accepting then ye D. of C. persuaded the present Gentlemen to accept, on dismissing the late Ministers in July; But of Justice to my much injur'd friend D. B. I told Mr G. y^t whatever He might think that D. had no personal share in his dismission & y^t He had never interfer'd either in measures or then, from the day He had retired from Ministry; I express'd this also to ye D. of C—d, to D. G—h. D. M—d. D. L—d & others at different times, & in addition to this on the formation of the present Ministry produced also D. B. very handsome letter wherein He gives me back my word with regard to the promise I had made his Brother, & added that He would not meddle either as to persons or measures in the Closet

II

Change of Ministry July 1765

As I mean to state the several causes that occasion'd the change of the Ministry in July last, for the greater perspicuity it will be necessary to go back to the unhappy Epoch when the Earl of Bute ~~chose to~~ retired from public affairs, on account of an ill state of health, as he alledg'd on that occasion. He shew'd ~~the~~ a most uncommon Moderation by declining ~~at that time~~ any Post of Dignity; the very real affection & confidence I placed in him made me consult him what his own abilities & good qualities adapted to the many years I had enjoy'd his most intimate friendship, how I could form a Ministry; ~~at the~~ best ~~method of placing my affairs~~ with ~~I~~ by his advice brought ~~removed~~ Mr. Grenville from the Head of the Admiralty to that of the Treasury, in conjunction with the Earls of Halifax & Egremont, ~~who were~~ the two Secretarys of State, was to take the lead in all ~~were the most~~ public affairs ~~confidential Ministers~~; the Earl of Bute then went to Harrowgate ~~for~~ for the benefit of the Waters, till which time these Ministers ~~they had~~ ~~on all occasions~~ sought desired his advice; but on his return their minds were already fill'd ~~cankered~~ with ~~the most violent~~ jealousys against him

nay they even grew very insolent to me; for on the Earl of Granville's death, ~~on my looking~~ I thought the ~~on the~~ late Earl of Hardwycke from his Character & Abilitys ~~as~~ the best suited for the Presidency of the Council, tho they at first appear'd to ~~approve of~~ relish it yet soon shew'd marks of apprehension least it should lessen their personal weight, from seeing his great superiority over them; their illhumour encrease'd to such a height in August that the Earl of Egremont parted from me the day preceding his sudden ~~& my self were on the worst of terms~~ death not very amicably; which event encouraged ~~he last time I saw him, I was thoroughly~~ me to attempt a coalition of partys ~~resolv'd to attempt forming a fresh Administration on his Death~~; I saw Mr Pitt twice but could not ~~compass~~ come to any agreement I therefore offer'd Mr Grenville cordial support if he would act firmly with that deference I owed me; he press'd to my great surprize for the Earl of Sandwich as successor to the Earl of

as my having appointed him to the
Egremont; ~~to one of his chief causes of~~
head of the Board of Admiralty ~~I dreaded the~~ time
~~dissatisfaction~~ in May ~~was my appointing~~
alledging ~~one of the first causes of dissatisfaction~~
~~him to the Head of the Board of Admiralty~~
who instantly persuaded the Duke of Bedford
to accept the Presidency of the Council
who but a fortnight before had declard to the
~~that~~ the King dom ~~was~~ ruin'd if Mr. Pitt
did not come into ~~the Administration~~ office,
nay even advis'd the giving him Carte
Blanche, yet now he term'd Mr. Pitt's ~~the~~
propositions ~~of Mr. Pitt~~ insolent
& that it was the ~~Part~~ Duty of every honest
Man to ~~join in keeping him out of~~ stand forth to prevent his ever
coming in to the Administration.
~~Office~~ the Earl of Bute ~~whoever had mix'd~~
~~y.t y.e World might see y.e truth, y.t the man~~
~~owns his private exclusion aside when~~
~~would meddle in Ministerial affairs pass'd y.e~~
~~the thought my service or that of the~~
greatest part of the Wisest Nation
~~Publick required it, chose to pass the~~
~~greatest part of the Winter at his~~
~~new purchase of Luton, that the World~~
~~might see he took no share in the~~
~~conduction of Ministerial affairs~~

~~when~~ on His return in March the Ministry, but most particularly the D. of Bedford declard his return a breach of the agreement at His entering office, & ~~was~~ had so entirely adopted ~~mille~~ French ideas that he seemed to esteem the Earl as under a lettre de cachet, whenever ~~the & his Colleagues~~ the Ministers were fearful of ~~feard the~~ opposition; ~~then~~ they were very cringing & fawning to the Earl, whenever ~~they saw~~ he relaxed from that dread ~~the opposition of little magnitude~~ they gave way to their plans of being ~~the~~ masters of the Closet, no office fell vacant of ever so little value, or in any other department that they did not claim it & declard that if not complyed with they could not remain ~~an impossibility of remaining in office if not complyed with~~; the conduct of Mr. Grenville to Mr. Worsley on the determination I took of curtailing the office of Painter was so remarkable that it deserves a place here; on the Surveyor General ~~of the Board of Works~~

acquainting

III

Change of Ministry 1765

As I mean to state, with perspicuity the ~~various~~ various causes that occasion'd the change of the Ministry in July last, it will be necessary ~~for the greater perspicuity~~ to begin the account, from the unhappy Epoch when the Earl of Bute from an ill state of health as he alledg'd, chose to retire from public affairs; He shew'd on this occasion a most uncommon moderation by declining any Post of Dignity; the very great affection & confidence I place in him, which his talents & high ~~sense~~ notions of honour, added to the long series of Years I have known him, make him very worthy of, inclin'd me to consult how I could best form my Ministry; with his advice I brought Mr. Grenville from ~~the~~ head of the board of Admiralty to that of the Treasury, who in conjunction with the Earls of Halifax & Egremont the two Secretarys of State was to take the lead in all State affairs; the

Earl

Earl of Bute then went to Harrowgate for the benefit of that effecacious water, till which time these Ministers sought his advice; but on his return their minds were already fill'd with jealousys against him, nay they even begun to be insolent to Me; for on the Earl of Grenville's death I thought the late Earl of Hardwicke from his Character & Abilitys the best suited for the Presidency of the Council; tho they at first appear'd to relish it, yet soon shew'd marks of apprehension least it should lessen their personal weight, from feeling his great superiority over them, their ill humour encreas'd to such a height in August that the Earl of Egremont parted from Me the day preceding his sudden death not very amicably, which event encourag'd me to attempt a coalition of partys, I saw Mr. Pitt twice but could not come to any agreement; I therefore offer'd Mr. Grenville cordial support

if

provided,
if He ~~would~~ acted firmly & with that deference
He ow'd ~~to~~ the He press'd to my great surprize to my utmost astonishment
for the Earl of Sandwich as successor to the
Earl of Egremont, as my having appointed
him to the Head of the board of Admiralty
in May was at the time alledged as one of
the first causes of dissatisfaction; this Earl
instantly persuaded the Duke of Bedford
to accept the Presidency of the Council
who but a fortnight before had declar'd
to me the Kingdom ruin'd if Mr. Pitt did
not come into Office, nay even advis'd the
giving him Carte blanche, yet now he
term'd Mr. Pitt's propositions, insolent
& that it was the Duty of every honest Man
to stand forth to prevent his ever coming
into the Administration.

The Earl of Bute that the World might
see the truth that He no more would
meddle in ministerial affairs passd
the greatest part of the Winter at Luton,

on

his return in March the Ministry but most particularly the Duke of Bedford declar'd that a breach of the agreement at his entering Office ~~had so entirely adopted French ideas that he seem'd to esteem the Earl as a Tyrant before the Closet~~; whenever ~~the Ministry were fearful of opposition~~ opposition allarm'd them they were very ~~cringing fawning to Me~~ attentive to the; but whenever rellax'd from that ~~dread they gave way to their plans of being~~ other sole idea was how to get the Mastery of the Closet; no Office fell vacant of ever so little value, or in ~~Department~~ the Department of any other person, that they did not claim it & declar'd that if not complyed with they could not serve. The conduct of Mr. Grenville to Mr. Dowdeswell on the determination I took of curtailing the Office of Painter was so remarkable that it deserves a place here. On the Surveyor General's reporting to him my intentions, he ~~was more angry & haughty than ever I saw in his institution~~ & had the insolence to say that if People presum'd to speak to He on business without

his

his previous consent, he would not serve an hour; had I given way to My feelings on receiving his account, He would have been instantly dismissed; but I thought it detrimental to the business of the Nation to make any alteration during the sitting of Parliament.

On the death of the Primate of Ireland it was deem'd expedient to reexamine the state of Ireland; the Earl of Northumberland very honorably threw out a Doubt whether he should by his health be permitted to return there; within a day or two the Duke of Bedford came & drop'd to me the necessity of early fixing on a proper subject to fill that Office, & ~~said perhaps~~ nam'd Lord Weymouth ~~might not be unworthy of it~~ I instantly gave reasons why I disapprov'd of the idea. He ended with saying, He recommended My examining the List of the Peerage, & that He knew I should fix on the most proper

person

person; my illness soon followed, which confined
me very long, after which the two Secretaries of
State in a slight manner recommended Lord
Weymouth for the Lieutenancy of Ireland; on
my objecting to it they were silent; Mr. Grenville
soon after press'd it with eagerness, I coolly asked
him if he knew the Person he so warmly espous'd
he said no, I then gave him very weighty reasons
why that Lord was not calculated for the office,
to which he dryly replyd, that as the Duke of
Bedford wish'd it, he must support him.

On maturely reflecting on the confusion
that would ~~have~~ arise if it ~~should~~ should be declared God
to put a period to my life during the Minority
of the Successor to my Crown, there being no
provision for the administration of Government
in such a case, I resolv'd not to end the Session
till that salutary measure was effected; knowing
that Mr. Grenville would be but too ready to
take the merit of it to himself, I opend myself

to

IV

Change of Ministry July 1765

(1)

To state with perspicuity the various causes that occasion'd the change of the Ministry in July last, it will be necessary to begin the Account from the unhappy Epoch, when the Earl of Bute from an ill state of Health ~~as He alledg'd~~ chose to retire from Public Affairs; He shew'd on this occasion a most uncommon moderation by declining any Post of Dignity; the very great affection & confidence I place in him, which His talents & high notions of honour added to the long series of Years I have known him, make him very worthy of, inclin'd me to consult how I could best form my Ministry; with his advice I brought Mr. Grenville from Head of the board of Admiralty, to that of Treasury, who in conjunction with the Earls of Halifax & Egremont the two Secretarys of State was to take the lead in all State affairs; the Earl of Bute then went to Harrowgate for the benefit of that efficacious Water, till which time these Ministers sought his

advice;

advice; but on his return their minds were already fill'd with jealousys against him, nay they even began to be insolent to Me; for on the Earl of Granville's death, I thought the late Earl of Hardwycke from his Character & Abilitys the best suited for the Presidency of the Council; tho' they at first appear'd to relish it, yet soon shew'd marks of apprehension least it should lessen their personal weight, from feeling his Superiority over them; their ill humour encreas'd to such an height in August that the Earl of Egremont parted from Me the day preceeding his sudden death not very amicably; which event encourag'd Me to attempt a coalition of partys, I saw Mr. Pitt twice but could not come to any agreement; I therefore offer'd Mr. Grenville cordial support provided he acted firmly & with that defference he ow'd me, to my almost astonishment he press'd for the Earl of Sandwich as Successor to the Earl of Egremont, as my having appointed him to the

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The Earl of Bute that the World might see the truth that he ~~would not~~ meant no more to meddle in Ministerial affairs, passd the greatest part of the Winter at Luton; on his return in March the Ministry, but most particularly the Duke of Bedford, declar'd that a breach of the agreement at his entering Office; whenever opposition allarm'd them they were very attentive to Me; but when relear'd from that their sole ideas were ~~how to get the Mastery~~ rested on ye best method of getting sole possession of the Closet;

no

no Office fell vacant of ever so little value, or
in ~~the~~ any other department ~~of any other person~~, that they
did not claim it, & declard that if not complyd
with they could not serve;
To prove the light in which it may not be improper to mention this language
~~The conduct~~ of Mr. Greenville's to Mr. Worsley
on the determination ~~I took~~ of curtailing the
Office of painter. ~~was so remarkable that it
deserves a place here~~; When the Surveyor in reporting
to him my intentions, He ~~had the insolence to~~
said ~~that~~ if People presumd to speak to Me
on business without his previous consent, he
would not serve an hour; had I given way to
my feelings on receiving this account, He would
have been instantly dismissd; but I thought
it detrimental to the business of the Nation
to make any alteration during the sitting
of Parliament. Mr. G. conducted on ye death of ye late Primate of Ire. so as to give a strong proof of his anxiety to be Secretary for Ireland, & declaring that he was much mortified at the being conferred on a very worthy Irish Lord, as he wish to have had it himself, till he could by it have made a vacancy on ye Exch. Chequer.
~~On the death of the Primate of Ireland~~
when ye State of Ireland was examind into on ye death of ye Primate
~~it was expedient to reexamine the State
of Ireland~~, the Earl of Northumberland very
honorably threw out a doubt whether he should
be by his health permitted to return there;

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within a day or two the Duke of Bedford came & dropp'd to Me the necessity of early fixing on a proper subject to fill that Office, & nam'd Lord Weymouth, I instantly gave reasons why I disapprov'd of the idea, He ended with saying He recommended my examining the list of the Peerage, & that He knew, I should then be left it quite at large fix on the most proper person; ~~my~~ illness soon follow'd ~~which confined me very long~~, after which the two Secretarys ~~of State~~ in a slight manner recommended Lord Weymouth for the Lieutenancy of Ireland; on my objecting to it they were silent; Mr. Grenville soon after press'd it with eagerness for the same person & coolly ask'd him if He was thoroughly acquainted with the Lord whose cause ~~knew the person~~ he so warmly espous'd, He said no, I then gave him weighty reasons why that Lord was not calculated for the Office proposed, to which He gave the most extraordinary ~~daughy~~ reply that ever was answer'd by a man who pretended to rule, the character of the Kt. his only rule of action that as the Duke of Bedford wish'd it, He must support it ~~him~~.

On maturely reflecting on the confusion that

would arise if it should please God to put a period to my life during the Nonage of the Successor to my Crown, there being no provision for the administration of Government in such a case; I resolv'd not to end the Session till that salutary measure was effected; knowing that Mr. Grenville would be but too ready to take the merit of it to himself, I open'd my idea ~~myself~~ to the Chancellor & Duke of Bedford previously to him; who both in the warmest & most unaffected manner express'd their gratitude & approbation of the measure; Mr. Grenville on the contrary seem'd grave & thoughtful; when acquainted with it & the next interview boldly complain'd of want of confidence, because not spoke to before any of his Colleagues; this I treated as absurd, & declar'd that ~~though~~ in affairs of State, he might have more colour, tho no reason for claiming more ample confidence than the other ~~Administration~~ Ministers, yet in an affair of so delicate a nature as this, & which could only take rise from my own feelings for my Children & Subjects, it would have been improper, during all the stages of this affair through Parliament

He & his Collegues lost no opportunity to thwart it as much as they could.

Lord Northumberland having expressed to me the Duke of Cumberland's wishes to be an instrument of obtaining me a more efficient Ministry; the conduct of ~~those I employed~~ my ministry made me with joy ~~but too ready~~ to embrace ~~the opportunity~~ his offer for added to the very improper conduct they on so many occasions shewed the American affairs & indeed every other except those which Mr Grenville thought tended to his acquiring popularity were neglected ~~all publick affairs were neglected; that they were neglected~~ ~~ought have nothing to interfere with their measures for keeping themselves in power; America was entirely neglected~~; for the complaints of the most serious kind came from the new conquered province of Canada against their Chief Justice, I never could ~~obtain~~ get the affair ~~being~~ examined ~~into~~ into; & Mr Grenville's great system of Finances, was the starving the different services of the State in short ruining the fleet, that he might have the popularity of raising but small supplys; these weighty reasons I repeat made me empower the Duke to sound Mr Pitt, who declined, & no other person being willing to engage; I was from necessity, & the joint opinions of the Duke of Cumberland the Chancellor, & the Earl of Egmont obliged to continue that Ministry with so much reason was anxious to displace they

~~[illegible] to remove, they~~ demanded terms before they would consent to continue which were

1st That Ld Bute should not be consulted either as to Men or measures.

2d That Mr Mackenzie should not only be dismissed from the Scotch Patronage but also from his Employment, tho they knew I had promised him yt. tho I should never be convenient for my affairs to alter the Patronage that the office I gave would take from him.

~~[illegible] to remove him.~~

3d Ld Hollan'd to be removed & succeeded by Mr Townshend.

4th Ld Weymouth to be Ld Lieutenant of Ireland.

Tho unable to remove them, I could not be so wanting to myself as to omit every time I saw them to shew them by the coldness of my manner the real dislike I bore of them. This drove the D. of Bedford to take the most improper step of coming to me a day or two before his going to Woburn, & taking a paper out of his pocket which he read to the following effect; that the very visible distance he & his friends met with, & the regard he slighted to shew to them had occasioned him & his Colleagues resolving to retire when he returned to Town; if they were not

treated with cordiality & those with frowns
who they ~~disliked~~ through their enemys; nothing but stone could
have bore this fresh insolence, & therefore
by the advice of the D. of Cumberland
sent for Mr. Pitt with whom I had two very
satisfactory conversations, who was ready to
have taken Office had not Lord Temple
declin'd accompanying him, which in
his opinion disabled him from accepting;
then the D. of Cumberland persuaded the
present Gentlemen to accept.

On dismissing the late Ministers justice
to my much injured friend Lord Bute
made me aware Mr. Grenville that he
had no personal share in the Change
~~of the Ministers, that~~ of the Ministry, & that he had not
interfer'd during the stay of that administration either as to persons
~~or other~~ or measures. I expressed
the same to the D. of Cumberland, Lord
Talbot, Ld. Litchfield & others at different
times, & at the formation of this Ministry

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I produced ~~the Draft~~ the very hard some letter to Mr Pitt wrote me wherein he freed me in his own & Brother's Name from the promise I had given Mr Mackenzie not to remove him to the late ~~Mr~~ Ld of Cumberland, the Chancellor, Ld. Rockingham & others. ~~wherein he freed me from the promise I had given Mr Mackenzie not to remove him from his Office, tho' I might at any time find it convenient to release him from the management of Scotch affairs, & renewed my declaration of not consulting as to Offices or public measures~~

All the advantage I expect from this account of what has passed, is that honest Men will feel for me & will see that it was impossible for me either as a King or Man to bear any longer the Usage I met with, & that necessity not choice had made me take several steps that cut me to the soul.

Account of the
Charge of the
Ministry for the 4th
Quarter 1755.