

Ld. Egmont

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Lord Egmont thinks it his duty to inform Your Majesty, that this day at the House of Lords, Mr. Mackenzie after the strongest Injunction of Secrecy desired him by some means or other to let Your Majesty know that Lord Temple intended to ask an Audience of Y. Majesty to Morrow - This Intelligence was Communicated in order to prepare Your Majesty for that Event.

Lord Egmont hopes it may not appear too great a Presumption, if he takes the liberty at the same Time, to acquaint Your Majesty further, that one Mr. Herbert Thomas a Steward to Lord Salisbury coming to the Admiralty this Morning (as he does once every Month or 6 Weeks to express his Gratitude to Lord Egmont for having procured him that Employment) informed him that on Saturday last in a visit to Mr. Deltors Cornwall he met Lord Temple there who in a long Conversation trying to persuade Mr. Cornwall not to vote for the Repeal of the Stamp Act declared that he had seen Your Majesty twice - That the Effect of his Advice one day was counteracted by the Advice of some other Person the next; & that therefore what would be the Issue of this distracted State of Publick Affairs he could not foresee. — This Mr. Thomas is a Person wholly unacquainted with (and as he believes himself) entirely unknown to Lord Temple.

Admiralty. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feby. 1766  
45 min. past 7 o'clock .p.m.

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