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Monday Morning Ten o'clock

In obedience to your Majesty's commands to be informed of what was done relative to the Bill of Indictment found against the French ambassador, Lord Sandwich has the honour to acquaint your Majesty; that on the first notice he received of this scandalous transaction he sent for Mr Webb in order to be apprized of the fact; Mr Webb brought him a copy of the Indictment, which was found on the oaths of four witnesses; namely Vergy, Kirwan, Du Pre, and Braillard. Lord Sandwich then sent an express to Lord Halifax, & wrote the letter (a copy of which comes herewith) to the attorney general, & in the evening L^d Sandwich & L^d Halifax

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went together to L^d Chancellor, and sent
to the Attorney General to come to us
afterwards. it was agreed at L^d Chancellors
to have a meeting of your Majesties servants
this morning at the Duke of Bedfords, (who
is confined with a bit of the gout) that no
time may be lost in directing any measures
that may be thought advisable to protect
the French ambassadours person from insult;
but the attorney general, who we saw
afterwards, has made us easy in this
particular, as he says he has taken the
proper steps to prevent any Proceps being
issued before Wednesday, and that he will
advise your Majesty in Council to order
a Noli Prosequi or a cepat Proceps to be issued
immediately; which will stop all proceedings,
and be a foundation for an indictment
against Vergy & his associates for a conspiracy
of the blackest nature.

The attorney general advised us to let the
French ambassadour know that effectual

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means would be taken to stop all proceedings, & to redress the injury before he could have time to make any complaint, I have therefore this morning sent Mr Phelps to him with a message in conformity to the attorney Generals advice.

L^d Halifax will inform your Majesty of what passes at the meeting at Bedford house.

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