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Sir

I never can sufficiently acknow:
: ledge the gracious condescension and con:
: fidence which your Majesty was pleased
to show me this day nor can I express what
I feel upon the present crisis. Patient as
I am I have not temper sufficient to
bear to see my Sovereign exposed the
familiarity of the expression, my friend
whom I love constrained to submit to
either his servants or to unreasonable

stimulations from those who have had the
offer to become so. This is the harder to
digest at a time when I know that both
Houses are devoted to your Majesty. I am
still of opinion that it will be prudent
to temporise, if it can be done with honour,
but I cannot persuade myself that there
are not to be found men of sense & of
honour who will serve this prince with
spirit & fidelity if they are called upon;
& I am confident that they will be supported
in every thing reasonable by your Parlia-
ment. I should have said more this day on
the subject but I am sensible how liable

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to the imputation of ambition any man in
such a situation as I am must stand, & I
should be ashamed to be suspected of it on
such an occasion, for I do most sincerely
protest that I would serve your Majesty
in the station of your footman to procure
you ease of mind or to promote the good
of your affairs. Laying myself therefore
totally out of the consideration, while I
advise acquiescence as far as may consist
with your dignity and reputation I would
humbly suggest to your Majesty that you
need never consider yourself under an
unavoidable necessity. Pardon, Sir, this

