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Lord Sandwich's
7th Clock

Lord Halifax, in obedience to his Majesty's Commands, has the Honor most dutifully to acquaint his Majesty, that the account he had from several Members of the House of Commons was, that Mr Wilkes, instead of having received Wounds by two Bullets, had been hurt with one only, which had enter'd the Skin of the Middle of the Body, and without going deep into the Body had been lodged in the Side. That the Ball had been extracted, and that Mr Wilkes was not thought to be in any Danger. This Report Lord Halifax has the stronger Reason to believe true, as he has been inform'd Mr Wilkes was seen walking from the Field of Battle with his Arm on his Side.

When Lord Halifax arriv'd at the House of Commons, the address to his Majesty had been mov'd & seconded. he had the same Misfortune

he has often had, of hearing Alderman Beckford
talk a great deal of unjustifiable nonsense,
Mr Starley was answering him, when Lord Halifax
left the House.

Some reports the above, ^{Lord Halifax has} ~~heard~~ just
heard that Mr Pitt has made a long and unspirited
speech, complimentary, in part, of the Administration,
and endeavouring to pare away the asperity of
yesterday's speeches. The Information from the
House of Commons further says, that the
House is to proceed on the Point of Privilege
on Friday next.

It is Lord Halifax's Duty further to acquaint his
Majesty, that Lord Sandwich, Lord Holland, ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{Mr} ~~Mr~~ ^{Churchill}
Lord Halifax have had some Conversation since
Dinner on the Propriety of preventing Mr Wilkes's
Escape, to the Provocation of his Trial ~~by~~ ^{by} his most
insanous Performance; and that it is hoped an
Effectual Method may be found to prevent the
Criminal's Escape from Justice —