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Downing Street April 12th 1803

My Dear Sir,

There is to be a meeting of Cabinet to-morrow at Lord Chatham's where I proposed mentioning the subject of our conversation at Bromley Hill. I think it incumbent upon me to acknowledge that after the best consideration which I have been able to give to the proposed arrangement, my opinion respecting it remains unaltered, but if I could justify the recommendation of it upon public ground, the only honourable course I could pursue would be to come in the sacrifice it would require & to put myself entirely out of the question, & this I should do with the utmost readiness & the most perfect satisfaction. I will only add, that the objections to what has been suggested respecting the speakership of the House of Lords appears to me to be insurmountable under any circumstances; and I am convinced that they would appear so to you upon further consideration. I have here expressed only my own sentiments, & I am very sorry that it was not in my power to write to you earlier in the Day. With those of my colleagues you shall be acquainted either to-morrow afternoon or on Thursday morning, indeed, if I hear nothing to the contrary from you, I will endeavour to be at

Boonley Hill by one o'clock on Thursday, but I
must return to dinner, in the mean time I shall
entertain hope that you may not feel it necessary to
adhere in the full extent to the proposition which you
have made

Sign'd / Henry Addington /