

Lord Rochford

29th March 1772.

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Lord Rochford has for some time past wished for an opportunity to see your Majesty alone in order to mention the uneasiness he is under with regards to Mr Sutton's late conduct, too bad, though perhaps innocent, to be justified, there was a violence in his behaviour, that makes it necessary he should not remain in the situation he is in, and Lord Rochford has been waiting for some plan to be proposed by Lord North, as a punishment to the opposers, to point out Mr Sutton as an object, Lord Rochford is aware that it will be said, removing Mr Sutton, will be doing him a favor, as he will immediately have a pension of £500 a year for life this may be an object to the Treasury but in Lord Rochford's poor opinion, does not weigh against

The consequence of keeping a person in employment who when
he is not wanted is determined to go against Government and
what is worse, against a Bill in which your Majesty is principally
concerned. At the same time Lord Rockford would do what
he hopes, he is incapable of, if he did not say that he does not
believe Mr Sutton is designedly connected with opposition. This
far Lord Rockford thinks it became him to unbuckle his
tongue to your Majesty previous to what he means to take
an opportunity of saying when Lord Suffolk shall be present,
and as it is expected from all Quarters that those who opposed
the marriage bill will be noticed, Lord Rockford has humbly
ventured to say, that no prediction for Mr Sutton will prevent
him from recommending strongly to your Majesty to make the
most striking examples on that memorable occasion.

Berkley square 29th March 1772 ^m 1/2 past 6 P.M.