

Ld. Suffolk
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Dec. 17 1773

1684

Lord Suffolk, having been prevented coming to St. James's
to Day, partly by Business, & partly by a worse Cause
(which he is inclin'd to attribute to the Badness of the
Weather) has the Honour to send Your Majesty a
note from Messrs. Maffei Perichin; This Answer to it;
also the Draft of his Letter to the Admiralty in consequence
of it; together with one of a private Letter to Lord Sandwich
These Papers will fully explain what has a good deal
occupied him this morning: it is therefore unnecessary
to give Your Majesty the Trouble of a further Explanation.
And if Your Majesty approves of the footing he has put
the Business upon, he defies any Threatnings of the
Court to make him uneasy.
He proposes to delay the Departure of the Messenger
for

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for Petersburg, till the return of the one sent to Lord
Sandwich - It shall then be dispatched ⁱⁿ with an
extraordinary packetboat, if the regular packet boat
shall have sailed, with an account of the transaction
alluded to for S^r Rob^t Gunning.

Duke of Westminster.

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The inclosed private Letter to S^r Joseph Yorke is hardly
worth your Majesty's reading. S^r North is so kind as to let
Guernsey have the honour of moving the Address to your
Majesty, which makes me so anxious for his return.

Ld. Rochford

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Lord Rochford is afraid your Majesty will think
him mad in presuming to trouble your Majesty with the
relation but it will serve to show the success at Meldden
& tends to show the proof of future success. Mr Gascoigne's
letter is too familiar & perhaps Lord Rochford may
offend in shewing it but he hopes his intentions will
be considered & not the absolute act for which with
the utmost humility he begs pardon

Bosley square
Dec 19th 1773 $\frac{1}{50}$ parts p m

