

Ld. Hertford to H. C.

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Sire

after desiring your Majesty  
to give yourself no further trouble  
with or about the letter I put into  
your hands of Mr Walpole's than  
to throw it into the fire, I am  
ashamed to mention the subject  
again to your Majesty, but I find  
myself so anxiously pressed by Mr  
Walpole to relate it that he  
may preserve a copy of that as well  
as of every other paper he has now  
wrote upon the subject of his  
replew, that I presume upon your  
Majesty's indulgence to ask it  
if it is not destroyed which it  
most probably is. Mr Walpole  
grounds his anxiety upon a persuasion  
that he shall sooner or later be

called upon to make some part of  
his conduct in regard to his nephew  
publicly thinking that he has been  
privately & obscurely injured in his  
reputation for his behaviour with  
respect to his nephew though he  
has acted therein solely upon a  
principle of duty to his nephew  
& the Bulstrode family, & adding  
that at his time of life he cares for  
nothing so much as leaving a fair  
character behind him which he  
has thought of procuring in this  
instance by showing when it is  
necessary, every word he has now  
wrote upon the subject.

His treating it so seriously will  
I hope excuse me for taking this liberty  
& of dwelling so long upon such a

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trifles & if I do not receive the letter  
from your Majesty I will make my  
reasons to be in the best manner  
I can by not being able to foresee  
that I should be called upon for a  
copy of it.

Instead I have the  
honour of sending your Majesty an  
account I have just received of  
Lord Oxford's continuing well,

I remain Sir with the  
greatest duty & respect your  
Majesty's most faithful & ~~most~~ humble servant

Great Street the Hertford  
March 30, 1778

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the document.]*

*Lord Anstons*

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