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Sir.

I have waited all the morning  
at home in expectation of seeing the  
Chancellor, whom I desired to call upon  
me: He has not yet been here, & if  
he does not call soon, I shall be obliged  
to proceed without his advice which  
I should be unwilling to do, as I am  
far from being convinced that our arrange-  
ment will do good or, indeed, that it



will not do harm; I still think, as I  
had the honour of representing to your  
Majesty, that without a coalition, the  
present system must be overturned, &  
I am told that the accession of the  
D. of Grafton, Lord Camden, Mr Fox &  
the Grenvilles, with Mr James Lowther's  
friends might be easily obtained. My sin-  
-cere opinion is that a large coalition  
would be forwarded by giving the Treasury  
to Lord Gower & Lord Weymouth, & by  
appointing Mr Robinson Chancellor



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of the Sachegues. The latter is, without  
exception, by much the fittest person  
in England to have the direction of  
the finances of this country. It is  
principally because I am satisfied that  
my continuance in <sup>the</sup> office I hold is preju-  
-dicial to your Majesty's affairs, that  
I presume from time to time to suggest  
the expediency of a change in my  
department, but your Majesty is too just  
& too kind to me to doubt of my attach-  
-ment to your service, & I trust that  
your Majesty attributes to that motive



the readiness which I have shewn to  
relinquish, upon this occasion, what was  
so long the object of my wishes, & to  
sacrifice to an arrangement desired by  
your Majesty the only comfort which  
by your Majesty's goodness I enjoy  
among the various anxieties & miseries  
of my present situation.

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