

The King

to the Adm. Amherst

Oct^r 12th 1799.

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The whole tenour of Lieut Gen. Burgoyne's conduct since
 his return from America has been so very contrary to military
~~obedience~~ ^{subordination}, that I am very far from clear what lenient
 measures he has left me room to employ without a
 total subversion of all Military ^{Discipline} ~~subordination~~. The
 letter the Secretary at War was directed to sign ^{must be}
 looked upon as waste paper if no mark of respect ^{is}
~~intended to be shown with a mixture of authority of~~
~~physical force should be put on it. I have not too much to~~
~~say of this letter of respect the copy before me~~
~~is a copy of a letter of respect the copy before me~~
~~has been transmitted by Lord Amherst~~
 Attorney like an Epistle as the answer the Lieut Gen
 has sent to it, of what the enclosed is the copy
 transmitted by Lord Amherst. I shall therefore
 avoid giving any opinion on this proposed continuation
 of the Correspondence, until Lord Amherst can
 report to me the opinion of the Cabinet of the
 perusal of the very incredible Answer which has
 been sent to the Secretary at War when writing by
 my command

[Faint, illegible handwritten text on aged paper, possibly a letter or document fragment.]