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Lord Sandwich to the King

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Lord Sandwich cannot avoid troubling your Majesty with the two enclosed letters, one of which he received yesterday, the other this morning.

He hopes he shall not have incurred your Majesty's displeasure by having communicated to Mr Robinson in the utmost confidence the letter with which he was honoured yesterday; he well knows that anything he receives in writing from your Majesty ought to be held sacred; but as this letter contained only one single point, and might give Mr Robinson an opportunity of working effectually in the execution of the measures your Majesty approves, especially as he was in private with Mr Jenkinson; Lord Sandwich thought it would be wrong to lose a moment in a business of

such importance, especially as he knows you
perfectly he can confide in Mr Robinsons
discretion.