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I owe it to my own feelings as well as to the Public, to try to persuade Lord Weymouth not to fly from Public business at an hour of difficulty, and at a time when the most desperate Opposition that ever stood forth is using every means to force itself into power, and is willing to betray every National object. I do not mean to combat Lord Weymouth's dislike of so Executive an Office as that of Secretary of State, which I believe is greatly increased by a diffidence of the possibility of the present Ministers carrying on any longer the Public business, therefore, I shall not press him on that head; but surely the same objection cannot lie against the Presidency of the Council, this never was looked upon as so responsible a situation, yet it would remove the appearance of any concert with the Lord Gover, and would greatly alleviate my own mind. May He will with composure weigh the whole and try whether his Attachment to Me will not overbalance the project of entirely retiring from my Service.

I should hope Lord Weymouth will view the Letters to the Peers for their attendance at the Opening of the Session as a matter of course, and will therefore order them to be prepared.

