G. R. to Charles Fitzroy.
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On Thursday the Chancellor was at the Drawing Room afterwards I sent for him, and laughingly said I had done so because he had run away the only time he had been at St. James's since his return from Bath without having seen me in private. I then explained the having had nothing new to communicate since my letter, that Lord Gower had not pointed out the most distant shadow of the means of forming a more efficient Ministry that till that was produced by some one, I could not think of parting with what I had; that indeed it would ever be highly grating to my feelings to part with any that I might think had served me well, but if any advantage to the Public could accrue from such a step I would submit to it; but then it must be coalition with my Administration not the yielding the reins of Government to Opposition, I must be sure that measures should not be changed. He said a coalition with this Administration in his Opinion could not be effected; that indeed he was quite unacquainted with the private sentiments of Opposition but from their language Public should suppose the D. of Grafton,

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Lord Shelburne and Lord Camden not desirous of declaring America Independent, but resolved to be no part of a system with Ld. Sandwich, Ld. G. Germain and Ld. North; that as to the Rocking Lords they seemed to yield every thing to America. In short Ld. C. could not be brought to speak out, but wished I should examine whether the present Administration could subsist any longer. Lord Weymouth has since declared his intention of resigning. I send copies of my letter in consequence of the language he had held to me on friday and his answer. Lord outed by the Bedfords want to drive out Lord Rochford, yet I do not believe they have any plan to offer; indeed they have owned they have none, therefore must get Lord North if possible to go on, he seems inclined to it, and Lord Dartmouth is not startled by this fresh defection. The ground I stand on is so fair that I do not despair of success but if I am not to prosper I would much rather be beat in Parliament, than see everything ruined by an ignominious treaty with Opposition.

I have here so fully stated my state of mind that it will enable Mr. Jenkinson to hold the language most proper to the Chancellor, and I should hope he will find an opportunity

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before Wednesday. I have acquainted Ld. North with the failure of my negociation with Ld. Weymouth and have strongly pressed his having a full and confidential conversation with the Chancellor.

Draft to Mr Jenkinson
Windsor Castle Nov. 7. 1777