

Elliot to H.R.A.

July 6 1786

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In consequence of the very flattering marks of confidence with which I was honoured last night at Newcastle I presume to entreat the perusal of these lines. I shall not attempt by any reasoning to influence Your Royal Highness's decisions, guided by your own judgement & high sense of honour. sense of the most elevated of human situations, there can be no doubt, that whatever Part is finally embraced, it will be such as may impress upon Your Country, upon Europe & Mankind the conviction that Your Royal Highness has no less followed the impulse of the most distinguished sense of honour, than the coolest dictates of Wisdom, and unavoidable necessity. May I also, in this crisis, once more presume to make offer of my poor services, & to assert that no consideration shall prevent me from dedicating myself with zeal & fidelity to the accomplishment of any object which may contribute to the ease & satisfaction of a Prince, whose Indulgence admits of my avowing the most unbounded attachment to His Person. Dare I venture to add that

there are certain moments in every rank of life, which
throw an inevitable bias upon its future course, & that
the present therefore appears to me to be one of those critical
periods, in which Your Royal Highness is exposed to some
dilemma of choice. I am far from either knowing at present,
or foreseeing, by what other means in future, the embarrassments,
which have occurred, can be removed, than by the decisive
arrangement, I was last night made acquainted with. But
as it will be an event as delicate in its consequences, as any
that appears upon the Page of History, & will be no less subject
to the observation of Contemporaries, than to the discussion of
Posterity, I do not scruple to avow, that if it would make me
infinitely happy, if any more gentle measure could be devised.

To preserve Your Royal Highness to Your Country, &
splendor in it, must be the wish of every loyal subject, & good
citizen. I am certain I ~~need~~ need make no other apology
for having ventured to express that wish with so little reserve.

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endeavouring to contribute to the accomplishment of so desirable
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*Mr. White's letter
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of the Hon. Secy.*

July 6. 1706

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