

J. Roberson, to Sir John H.
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10th July 1789

Most Private

My Dear Sir

I have just received your Favor of last Night— Your Maxim Piano et Sano was certainly never more properly applied than to the present time; Add to it, an old English Adage, Hear all, say little, and do nothing, which is not absolutely called for; and Ends wished for will be attained, at no great distance of time, to the full extent, altho' perhaps not immediately— Calmness, good Temper, a Conduct dignified, civil, steady & Firm, and an Address, given by Providence, when brought into Action in conspicuous Life, will always succeed! little Prejudices & party Attacks, must, & will fall to it, and the Minds of moderate and good Men will by degrees accede, and go on to respect, and to reverence.

What you write to me of the Committee, is what I foresaw and foretold must be the Consequence, and I was equally aware that upon the Examination of
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Physicians it must appear, they had information from you
the Surgeons and Persons who sit up with His Majesty, un
and that unless the Comtee would permit the Physician fill
to state in their Evidence, and suffer to be taken down, and
the reports of these Persons to them, they must permit such On
Persons to be examined at the Comtee; or, if it is apprehended be
the Powers given to the Comtee from the House, do not good
extend so far, then to come to the House of Commons Purp
for further Powers for this purpose — This I said the Com
Night of Mr B's forced and I thought imprudent division, If
when the point had been obtained. All Divisions, app
except those to mollify the restrictions, seem unwise, shal
they engage and divide Men more than is necessary, Coun
make retreat more difficult, and in the State of, equa
Things are of no Use — On the Ground of restrictions, they
beyond the first principle, to keep, for a while, to give time wou
for recovery, the Crown & its prerogatives & powers, from of the
being impaired, diminished, or fettered, Mens Minds wav
seem opening, & this delay is favourable for reflection. Hea
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you had, seem to be felt; appointments pro tempore, vague
uncertain & useless— Household ought to be defined;
filling up vacancies in its higher Offices unnecessary
and improper— real Estates expressed and particularized.
On these Points, debates will arise, and divisions may
be had— But to ask you a Question— What
good Reason think you can be given, that the
Purpose of the very proper Answer given to the
Communication of the Restrictions sh^d. not be let out.
If known the effects I think w^d. be, that it w^d.
appear there is a readiness to do whatever parliam^t.
shall think best, and to do the most possible good to the
Country under it, fearing only that it may not be
equal to what is wished, if a Government of Imbecility
is formed; and it would do away the Idea that the
Regency would not be accepted. The first effect
would be popular Ground— The second, a Certainty
of the Regency, which w^d. alarm some, fix the
wavering, and carry others— Diffidence, and a
Fear of Presumption or Impropriety ever restrain
me from coming too forward, but you have my
Sentiments
‡ Paper left with Mr. Payne.

Sentiments freely, tho wrote hastily; I think from
your conciliating Temper & Mind, they will not far
differ from yours, and a strong presentiment / perhaps
my Mind, that we shall see Things turn out fortunate
and gloriously for this Country — I am Ever,

My Dear Sir Most truly Yours

M. Robinson

10th July 1709.

10 Jan. 1709

Robinson's letter
sent by Sir J. R.

from Sir Robert

10th July