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The letters from Mr. Walpole and Wentworth are curious but cannot require any other remark from Me than that whilst America is only to be treated with through the medium of France or the strange unauthorised propositions of the Commissioners are to be the Basis of any Arrangement with the rebellious Colonies; I cannot give any sanction to any Negotiation, besides Mr. Walpole's political conduct cannot make Me think him a safe conveyance or an impartial one.

Ld. Buckingham's proposal for Perages as well as the idea of filling up any Vacant Offices in Ireland ought to lay quiet, till it is known how Government is to erect its Standard in Ireland.

As to the Propositions transmitted by Ld. Carlisle as his own, but which bear the strongest Marks of being the offspring of Eden's Pen; I can only say that I neither object to the first or the second; but certainly no consideration can make me call him to the English Privy Council till he has the claim which an office to which that Honour is ever an attendant falls to his share; besides the Privy Council is too numerous and will lose its dignity if prostituted on every occasion. One might suppose he had

had already imbibed the bladders of the Kingdom where
he means to play the Minister by the fourth proposition,
for he wishes to remain at the Board of Trade, yet by the
second means to be looked on as if a Member of a Superior
one; if he means to acquire the advantage of the second,
he must give up that of the fourth.

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