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The letter from Mr. Montagu shows that same temper of mind that
had made me respect his Character
~~interfered with his business in my Opinion~~, an inconvenience
me that nothing but want of health prevents his stepping
forth on this present Occasion; Mr. Cornwall is a very
respectable person for the Office of Speaker and ought
to be assured of the Support of Government on this
occasion and called on to ~~be~~ ^{attend} at the first Meeting and
to take all the pains he can to shew his willing to
accept of that Honorable situation.

That Mr. Ker should feel a little languid on
the Approach of the Meeting of Parliament is not
surprising, it is far from being a pleasant sensation
to me; but I know his resolution always rises when
the times call for it, therefore have not the
smallest doubt but he will shew that ^{his} zeal which he
has been conspicuous from the House of the King's
discretion.

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