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C.J. Fox to H.R.H.

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Sir

I am this moment honoured with your very kind letter of last night.

Never could your Royal Highness ask my advice in a case where I should find less difficulty in giving it, and I think no time should be lost in writing the proposed letter to her Majesty. How far your intelligence may be right with respect to the probability of success I can not tell, and in guessing, much may depend on the opinion your Royal Highness entertains of the judgment of the Person from whom you have had the communication. But in looking to the alternative of Failure, I am sure it must be a satisfaction to your Royal Highness's own mind, as well as to all those who love & respect you,

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to reflect that you have omitted no
occasion of endeavouring to set yourself
right in the King's opinion. The time
may come too when it may be highly
advantageous to your Royal Highness
to state your having made such an offer
as that now proposed. Your Royal
Highness appears to judge most properly
that the whole Business should be kept
clear both of Politicks and Political
Persons. —

I need not say how happy you
make Mr. Fox and me by your kind
promise for Friday, and we shall ^{be} further
obliged to you if you will order Lord
Zanclusdale or Col. M^r. Mahon to write

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a line by post to say at what hour you would like to have dinner. —

I sincerely congratulate you on the Physicians' answers which, if any thing can, must make the Ministers thoroughly ashamed of their most impudent insinuations. —

To return to the principal subject of this letter, I am not quite so sanguine as the Person whom you have seen as to the success of the Measure in the first instance. on the other hand I see ~~no~~ possible consequences, ^{if it should succeed,} ~~of consequence~~ to a very great extent, and if once His Majesty gets over the first difficulty and consents to employ you in a military Capacity, I think

it not unlikely that in his present
situation (if he is at all capable of
reflection) he may see the wisdom of
giving you a larger share of his
confidence and, by giving you your
due weight in the general Government,
of the Country, take the only chance
that exists of relieving the affairs
of the Country and of placing it in its
proper Station. - With your Royal
Highness in Government, foreign Nations
will have every possible ground of confidence
without you, in the precarious state of
the King's health, and with such a Ministry
as the present, They can have none. I

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beg pardon for having troubled you so
much beyond my intention when I began
and entreat your Royal Highness to
impute it to that zeal & attachment
with which I am & ever shall be,

Sir,

your Royal Highness's
most dutiful servant

C. J. Fox

14 Anne's Hill

3. July $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 A.M.

Mr Fox

Mr Fox
3^d July