

John Robinson to H. H.

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Mr Robinson had the Honour to receive your Majesty's Commands, and to communicate them to Lord North; His Lordship sensibly feels your Majesty's most gracious and kind Attention to His Health, and desired Mr Robinson to express to your Majesty his most dutiful Acknowledgements of your Majesty's Goodness - He certainly will not attempt to go out to morrow, altho' he has had another good Night and continues better; and Mr Robinson will send the Motion for the Address to Lord George Germain, Mr Jenkinson, the Attorney General, & Solicitor General, and Mr Higby, and also to the Lord Advocate if he should come to town in time, which Mr Robinson is not without

without hopes of, as he has had no answer to his
least express to say that the Lord Advocate could
not come; and Mr. Robinson will desire their
Assistance, notwithstanding the Business of the
Coventry Election will as a Matter of Privilege,
come first before the House, and perhaps take
up the whole Day — Mr. Robinson received
yesterday from Mr. Lees, late private Secretary
to Lords Townshend & Harcourt in their Adminis-
tration in Ireland, and who the Duke of Lenister him-
self sent over for this purpose, the papers here with
transmitted; As Mr. Lees accompanied the proposi-
tions with some verbal explanations and Observations, in the

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Mr Robinson desired, to avoid Mistakes, that
Mr Lees would put down such Notes in writing,
which accordingly is done in the Paper so marked,
and Mr Robinson wished also Mr Lees to send to the
Duke of Leinster a Copy of such Paper, that His
Grace might exactly know every step taken—
Mr Lees had a Letter from the Duke to Lord
Carleton which Mr Lees wd. deliver this Day—
The Duke of Leinster leaves any Negotiation
respecting Mr Heyson Burgh to be made with
Leinster himself, but Mr Lees says, It is Grace stated to
him that Mr Burgh's Object was to be chief Justice
of the Kings Bench, but that in his Opinion, he ought
not to have it, for that he wd. be making some decision
in that Court which wd. set the two Countries in flames,
and that Mr Burgh was so wavering, uncertain, and variable,
that

that he ought not to be entrusted with any thing which
could not be taken from him the next Day - Nothing
was stated as to Mr Foster - But the Duke said
that altho' he was soliciting an Office depending
on Mr Floods removal, yet if he was to advise, he
should not recommend that Measure now, for if at
all, it should have been done at the Moment of his
delinquency, and Mr Flood would if removed now
give great trouble in the next Parliament, when
probably he will act warmly in support of Lord
Carlisle's Administration, and in this Case his
Grace would wait for Lord Drogheda's death, or
some other opening. Mr Robinson has laid these
Papers before Lord North, and by his Lordships
orders submits them to Your Majesty; after
which

after which Lord North proposes to see Lord
 Hillsborough & Lord Carlisle thereon — Lord
 North informed Mr Robinson that Lord Ely
 had made to him (Lord North) similar Propositions
 to Your Majesty, and to Your Government, and
 Mr Robinson hears that Lord Shannon holds the
 same Language, looking up to English Government
 for the Guide of their Conduct, and for a permanent
 rule for them to act by, and not the fluctuating
 Ideas of a **Lord** Lieutenant or his Secretary
 varying on every change of those Offices.

Mr Robinson humbly begs leave to add to
 the Papers a private, and confidential Letter
 to him from the Attorney General of Ireland,
 expressive.

expressive of his Opinion on the Duke of
Leinster tender of Support: and also some
Warrants which prep for your Majesty's
Signature if your Majesty shall so please

Lyon Hill

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