

C. J. Fox to H. P. A.

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Sir

I cannot leave town without thanking your Royal Highness as well for your general condescension to me, as particularly for Mr. M^c Mahon's vote last night which circumstanced as I was, was of most material consequence to me.

May I be permitted to repeat to your Royal Highness the advice I humbly offered to you on Saturday, not in the present suspended state of affairs, to say or do any thing that may make any ^{of the} parties in opposition to the Doctor totally desperate with regard to the possibility of your Royal Highness's future countenance?

I suspect the King's state to be such as
may make it necessary for Ministers to
come forward with some project for carrying
on the Government in the King's name in a
few weeks. — Never believe me again, Sir,
if what they will bring forward will not
be offensive & hostile to your Royal
Highness in the highest degree, but if
I should be mistaken in this, it will be
always open for your Royal Highness to
act as you please. — But if I am right
the great object will be to procure a junction
of all the parts of Opposition which will
be strong enough I am satisfied upon such
a subject to controul the Ministry. Of us, of
course your Royal Highness is sure, I have
little doubt but you may be nearly equally

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so of the Grenvilles & c. but Pitt in such a
case I am sorry to say ^{would be} a most undervalued card
and his decision will I suspect entirely
depend upon how far he may consider
himself as proscribed by your Royal
Highness. — If there were ^{good} hopes of His
Majesty's rest & perfect Recovery I am
convinced there would be no chance of him,
but as things are I ~~am~~ ^{think} ~~convinced~~ he might
be gained for the purpose of resisting any
improper measures of the Administration
in regard to a Regency. — At the same time
let me observe that any overture from
your Royal Highness to him would I
think be very much below your Dignity
and at present prejudicial rather than

useful to your Interest. I repeat, ^{it} he
shall have given up all hopes of the R.
There is no chance of his assistance, but
when those hopes shall be gone, if he does
not think his case absolutely desperate
with your Royal Highness, I think he
would not be averse to taking his share
in destroying the present Men.

Mrs Fox

Pardon me for this trouble,
which I trust your Royal Highness
will impute to it; true cause the
perfect attachment with which I shall
always be desirous of shewing myself,

Sir,

your Royal Highness, most
dutiful servant

Albemarle Street
Tuesday

C. J. Fox