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St James's Jan³ 8. 1751

Ten o'clock A.M.

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I trouble Your Majesty with the three
last Minutes. Lord Sandwich having written
to Your Majesty upon the Subject of the Minute
of this Morning I can have nothing to add
upon that very disagreeable Business.
If Your Majesty should approve of the
Letter to Mr James Harris that is here
submitted to you, it is proposed to send it
tomorrow by Messengers. The Principal
advantage expected from the Insinuation
He is instructed to make, is that by
presenting to the Emperess of Russia the
Possibility of attaining an Object worthy
her Ambition and of infinite Importance
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to Her, we may bring Her to think seriously
of an intimate Union with this Country, or
at least prevent her being seduced by our
enemies who are using every endeavour
to engage her to espouse the Cause of Holland
of the catches at this Insinuation and
comes forward with a Proposal. That
Proposal will be the subject of great
and important Deliberation. The
Business is certainly of important Moment
and the objections to such a Union are
very ably stated in a Letter I received
from the Chancellor, who avoids giving a
decided opinion as not sufficiently
informed. The Charge of Difficulties is all
the present arduous situation admits of, &

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it appears highly important to use every Endeavour
to dispel if possible the Northern Storm.
This was one of the Principal Reasons that
decided these Resolutions which are now
submitted to your Majesty.

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