

R.B. Sheridan to H.R.H.

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Sir

I trust the consequences of this Dissolution will strengthen the Government your Royal Highness supports, and that particularly the number of Friends attach'd and devoted to you may be still more increased. I fear Ministers have not been sufficiently prepared, but still I think the measure had become absolutely necessary.

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your Royal Highness will have heard of the King's visit to Balbriggan &c. I believe there was among some of them a sanguine expectation that he would not consent to a dissolution. His doing so will have the impression with many, however contrary to the fact, that he has made up his mind to the administration as at present constituted, or that the others felt themselves too weak to undertake it, either of which will affect the support of the present Ministers.

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I dined yesterday with Lauderdale at Lord Holland's - He was very angry, tho' goodnaturedly angry at the timing of the attack on Malouin and I really believe had there been much mischief done or lives lost that He would have been a great Hazard.

I have been very much struck with a remark of your R.H. as I understand that the dissolution should have been immediate - I hope there may arise no cause to regret the Delay.

On the subject of your R.H.'s absence from the Funeral I sent a short Paragraph to the Herald

alluding to your R. H.'s letter to
Lord Grenville which has been copied
into the other Papers and has I think
had a compleat good effect.

I have this moment received
the Decisive answer of Government
accepting in a very handsome manner
my offer of standing for Westminster
I look above all things to your
R. H. Protection: and my own
Friends will certainly go also for
Lord Percy. Tom will set out
for Bedford tomorrow.

I have the honor, to be
your R. H.'s
most faithful & dutiful serv

W. Sheridan.

Mr. Sheridan
Westminster
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