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Lord Mordaunt
Westminster May 1795
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My best & dearest Friend

Nov. 7 1806

I am this moment poverid with your most affectionate & friendly letter, for which I want words to expess to you the warm feelings of gratitude which inspire my heart towards you at the present moment. Your boundless affection & friendship for me has been known to me too long for a series of years not to authorize me in assuring you that these sentiments of gratitude on my part are no new feeling & that they will ever live in my heart throughout life.

As to the idea & proposal of Lord Grenville, it both astonishes me and revolts me, for not only the justice of my complaint, & supported by his, & the opinions of the other Commissioners, as well as the detaild & strong opinions he individually gave me upon the Report, & accompanied by the strongest assurances & promises of carrying the business through to my complete honor & credit, to make such a proposal now to you, is monstrous in the extreme, especially as I think from the experience of the past, as well as of the present, his eyes ought now to be open'd, and the danger so evident from a total want of resolution, vigour & energy in the Government, and of which the strongest example

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example is the case of the Prince of Wales, who
could not have experienced a more entire want
of support, had the Government been compos'd
of his greatest Enemies. Do you say that I think
that there is now but one line for us to pursue, and
upon which my mind is resolutely made up; to
set the Commissioners and the rest of the Government
an example of that vigour which never would
have fail'd had our departed Friend Fox still
lived, and I must therefore desire you to intimate
to Lord Grenville most distinctly & positively, that
unless this business of the Investigation is brought
to an immediate conclusion in the most
decided manner, which from the justice of my
case as well as from their repeated promises
I have a right to demand; it is my intention,
together with you & all the rest of my Friends
to retire, & to have no further concern with
this Government, which in the first place have
fail'd in their solemn engagements to me who
have been their sheet anchor, & to which must
be ascrib'd a vast part, if not the whole of
the disgraceful scenes of the present day. Had
the Government acted with that vigour in my
support

support, which from the peculiar formation of it
I was entitled to expect, instead of that total want
of energy & good-will towards me, which have ac-
-compained the few steps they have taken in this the
most important State Question which perhaps
ever came before the Public, I should have been
plac'd in that high & triumphant situation, which
would have enabled me to have upheld them
with honor & credit both to myself & them, and
to have given stability to the Party. But in the
face of all this I see myself sacrific'd, my
honor compromis'd, & all this by the Persons
to whom I ought to look for the preservation of
both. what I have been expos'd to & what I
have borne, is more than can be expected of
Man, & my dearest & best Friend, it is now
more than I either can, or than I will bear,
& unless steps, the most satisfactory to me,
are immediately taken, I shall be reduc'd
to the necessity before stated to you; it is my
further determination in that case, & in that
case only, to adopt the opinion of Lord Grenville
and to take upon myself the sending such
a message to the Princeps as he propos'd,
and

and in justice to the dearest feelings of my life,
to accompany it with a publication of the Evidence
& Report as transmitted to me through the Channel
& by His Majesty's Command. Such a Report dictat-
-ed by the four Commissioners, and with their
signatures affix'd to it, upon this most important
Question and not having follow'd up those
opinions with any step for now a period of no
less than four months will, upon the publicity
of it, place me upon the very highest grounds
from my long & unexampled forbearance, as
well as justify me & my Friends for withdrawing
themselves from a set of Men, who have
evinced even a want of firmness & resolution
to support & to carry into effect their own
opinions, much more to rescue me, and
my injur'd Character, & upon which their
own existence & continuance in power must
entirely depend. I have long foreseen, my
very dear Friend, that I should find myself
reduced to this necessity, for I have not been
the Dupe of all their shallow & frivolous
excuses, any more than I have been of the
unwarrantable

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 me, not only in this most peculiarly distressing
 & essential Instance but in every other wherein
 I have been concern'd; therefore my opinions
 are not hastily taken, nor shall they be easily
 surrender'd. You have my permission to
 shew this letter to my Friend Lord Howick, Lord
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 as to Lord Grenville & The Chancellor I will
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 upon them as your good judgment shall direct
 You: as to the latter whether from his
 infatuation with the high Situation, which
 through me, he fills, or from self-conceit, or
 his short sighted wish to curry favor in another
 Quarter, which he never will obtain, though I am
 desirous of stifling the opinion which his un-
 pardonable neglect & obstinacy would naturally
 give rise to, it is a most grievous disappointment
 to feelings like mine, to say that I can not
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deserted me in the most important Question of
my life, but the world will judge of Him.
Excuse ~~any~~ inaccuracies there may be in
this letter from the haste in which I write, &
believe me ever my dearest Friend

Yours very affectionate
~~Yours~~ George P

Southworth

Nov. 7th

1846

hd. Greenville to B. P. H. -

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Dunmoyne Street. Nov. 10. 1806

Sir

I have felt so much uneasiness
at the appearance of delay in the business
which Your Royal Highness adverts to in
the letter of the 30th ult. which I have
had the honour to receive a few days

Yours
Pachin