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Sir

The message pass'd the Cabinet  
without further alteration. No mention  
was made of Sir Hugh Palliser.

It has occur'd to me since  
to submit to Your Majesty, as a safe  
and unexceptionable Step for Your  
Majesty to direct very explicitly  
Lord Rockingham and Lord John

Cavendish, who are both to attend  
you, for the Messages to the res-  
pective Houses, that any Bill or  
Bills, which shall be to be brought  
in for perfecting what your Ma-  
jesty has been pleas'd to do, shall  
be prepar'd by Your Majesty's At-  
torney and Solicitor General, and  
communicated by them to the  
three Law Lords now in Your Ma-  
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approved by them before they are brought in.

I saw the Duke of Marlborough on Monday evening, and he went from me perfectly well disposed - Lord Rockingham is quite reconciled to Lord Weymouth's appointment by his sensible manner. but I find he has offer'd

the Steward's Staff to Lord Carlisle, who is to give him his answer this day.

I told Lord Rockingham my desire of it being offer'd to the

Duke of Marlborough, especially if  
Lord Charles Spencer is not provided  
for to his satisfaction and the whole  
is deferr'd to Your Majesty. I con-  
-fide in your Majesty's great good-  
-ness, that the Staff may not be  
dispos'd of, till the Duke of Marl-  
-borough is some how satisfied. My  
Happiness in your Majesty's Service  
depends upon it, on account of  
old Obligations I owe the Duke

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of Marlborough, for whom in all  
situations I have preserv'd infinite  
managements. In the mean time  
I shall call upon the Duke of  
Marlborough in my way to Court,  
and tell him with simplicity  
what has pass'd since Monday.

I have the honour to be  
with the highest Respect

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1702  
10<sup>th</sup> past 11 A.M.

Your Majesty's  
most Dutyfull Subject  
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Queens House, May 1.<sup>th</sup> 1782.  
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The idea of directing the M<sup>r</sup>. of Buckingham and the Chancellor of the Exchequer that any Bills or Wills for perfecting the reductions now fixed in the Civil List Establishments shall be drawn up by the Attorney General and the Solicitor, and by them be communicated to the three Law Lords, is highly material.

The M<sup>r</sup>. of Buckingham wrote to Me Yesterday in favour of Mr. Carlisle, but I took care not to touch on Mr. Beward's Staff in my answer, on purpose to keep that consideration open, till I knew exactly how matters stood between the D. of Marlborough and Mr. Shelburne; so that it rests just as I could wish, and I certainly will not decide on that Employment, till that Duke is thoroughly satisfied.

Ed. J. McKeown  
May 14 1782. 10<sup>m</sup> P.M. A.M.  
My dearest friend's house  
May 14 1782. 5<sup>m</sup> P.M. A.M.