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Sir

The Lord Mayor Aldermen Turner  
Creighton and Townsend with the Town  
Clerk have been with General Conway  
and me, and I have the satisfaction  
to assure your Majesty, that business  
is in as proper a road, as can be  
desir'd, so as to answer every good



purpose without any Novelty - Their present Plan is to incorporate their late Associations with the regular Militia, which depends upon the Commission of Lieutenancy.

I have had several Hours conversation with the Duke of Richmond, first upon the subject of Lord Rockingham, and his right to all

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Patronage, next upon his Plan of  
Parliamentary Reforms, and his de-  
-sire of some strong Steps to be taken  
in regard to the Finances of the  
Kingdom. There was nothing which  
-prep'd in any part of his conversa-  
-tion, and which may not therefore  
be communicated to Your Majesty by  
all at leisure. He has laid me under



very strict injunctions of Secrecy as  
to the circumstance I hinted to  
Your Majesty, But in truth it is of  
no sort of moment.

I have enquired very particular-  
ly of Col. Barre, Lord Advocate, &  
others about Sir Thomas Rumbold's  
business - There is no reason which  
I can find for behaving as yet



any thing improper is meant. His De-  
fenders are Mr Rigby Sir James  
Lowther, and very unexpectedly the  
Solicitor General who was his Coun-  
cil, but the Advocate has no doubt  
of a better attendance the next day  
it comes on.

Lord Ashburton promises me to be  
very attentive to the Attorney and Solicitor



conduct about the Civil List Bill.

I am going to Streatkham where  
I hope to have a conversation to-  
morrow with the Chancellor, which  
I find very necessary - But Your  
Majesty may remain <sup>assured</sup> that neither  
Indolence nor Family nor any other  
avocation shall prevent that to-  
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Majesty's affairs, which they un-  
doubtedly demand, and which  
to your Majesty has every right to  
expect from

Your Majesty's

most Duty full

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Faithfull Servant

Shelburne

11<sup>th</sup> May 1782

35<sup>m</sup> past 3 P.M.



*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. A small yellowish stain is visible on the left edge.]*

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Magistrate. 357 p. 3. 1882