Ld. Shelburne

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Sir

The Messenger who attended Mr. Grenville being arriv'd within this Hour from Paris, I have the honour to send your Majesty every thing he brought me. I have likewise the honour to send your Majesty a Letter I recev'd this morning

from Prince Ferdinand of Brunswick.

I will endeavour to have such a communication with Lord Rockin-
-gham upon the subject of the Vice-
-Treasurership, as may prevent the necessity of Your Majesty's further Interference, if it be possible. I have in the mean time seen the Bishop of Bangor, and stated to him my apprehensions of a

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Family competion, in consequence of what Mr. Fox stated to me some time since as his opinion and wish. The Bishop enters fully into all the disagreeable consequences of it, and I hope will be of use. I hope Your Majesty feels me truly sensible of your very gracious re-collection of what pass'd between the Duke of Marlborough and me.

Of all the Subjects depending
Ireland gives me most pain - Such
is the difficulty of it, that I find
myself deprivd of the assistance
in great measure, which I have
in every other part of Your Ma-
-jesty's affairs. It is the only sub
-ject thro' which I do not see som
sort of way. However Your Ma-
-jesty may depend upon its

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being never off my mind.

I have the Honour to be
with the highest Respect

Your Majesty's
most Dutyfull Subject
and Faithfull Servant

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Mr. Oswald's correspondence carries the marks of coming from a Man of Sense as Dr. Franklin wishes He should remain at Paris, and as Mr. de Vergennes has intimated as much, I should think it best not to let him at least at present come home.

By the letter Mr. Grenville has wrote certainly appearances are not favourable, the Peace of Paris is refused to be the basis of a new one, and He insinuates that we ought to reduce our Possessions in India to Bengal.

Prince Ferdinand's letter is certainly very civil more could not have been expected.

I trust Ld. Shelburne will be able to arrange the competition in the Stuart family.

Undoubtedly the affairs of Ireland are so embroyled that it is most difficult to suggest what can satisfactorily be done; I trust Ld. Shelburne sees the magnitude of the question and that to obviate future evils is as material as to remove those of the present hour.

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