

Ld. Shelburne

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Sir

Lord Rockingham was too ill yesterday to have the Council at his House, which was therefore deferred till this Evening — He on the same account declined seeing me last night, and I have receiv'd no

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answer to my desire of seeing him
this morning, which I am however
determin'd to do if possible. In
the mean time the Bishop of Ban-
gor, whom I have seen three times
and is this moment left me, has
not been able to bring the Spen-
cer Family as yet to any good
understanding - In this Situation,
if I fail in all my endeavours,
and Lord Rockingham prefers Your
Majesty further on the subject of
Lord Cheolent Spencer, I would
submit to your Majesty, whether
your Majesty would think it
improper to mention to Lord
Rockingham my claim in favour
of Lord Charles Spencer, in know-
ing as much as your Majesty
thinks proper of Your Majesty's

own Inclination, your dislike of
competitions among the great
Families of your Kingdom, and
particularly the Spencer Family
by on account of your Majesty's
great Regard and Consideration
of the Duke of Marlborough, and
your desire that either Rochester
or Lord Shelburne should wait
on the Duke of Marlborough

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to know his mind in regard to
his own Family - I mention'd
to the Duke of Richmond yesterday
-day, who on my account propos'd
himself dispos'd to give way,
but I found it at the same
time a party measure.

There has a matter just
discover'd itself relative to
the Paris correspondence which

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I will have the honour to state
to your Majesty, the time not
admitting of the possibility of
doing it now.

While I write L^d Rochingen
sends word that he is better,
& ready to see me. He proposes
to attend your Majesty -

I have the Honour to inclose

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Your Majesty a Letter I have
receiv'd from the Irish Speaker

I have the Honour to be

Your Majesty's

Dutty full Subject

Shelburne

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