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Mr Fox to the King

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Mr Fox has the honour of transmitting to your Majesty the minute of the Cabinet Council assembled this morning at Lord Rockingham's. — Mr Grenville will no doubt make a proper use of the very important news received this day, upon which Mr Fox takes this opportunity of congratulating your Majesty; but in general Mr Fox thinks it his duty to submit it to your Majesty that your Majesty's Servants have proceeded upon this occasion rather upon the supposition

that the present negotiation for Peace will fail, and that the measures which they humbly recommend to your Majesty upon this occasion are directed more with a view to the use that may be made of them for the purposes of detaching from France her Allies and of conciliating the powers of Europe to this Country, than to the object of success in the present negotiation with the Court of Versailles. If Monsieur de Vergennes should reject Mr Grenville's proposals and should either decline to make any on his part, or make such as should be evidently inadmissible, your Majesty's servants can

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will not help flattering themselves that such a
conduct on the part of the Court of Versailles
may produce the most salutary effects with
regard both to Europe and America, and
possibly to the exertions of Great Britain
herself. —

Mr. Fox takes this opportunity of informing
your Majesty that the Irish Business
passed yesterday in the House of Commons
unanimously. —

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Mr Fox
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