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E. of Shelburne
Berkley Square, May 29. 1782.
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Sir

I am truly sensible of your Majesty's
great condescension in mentioning my
Health. I find myself so much worse
this morning, in consequence of seeing
people yesterday, that I am oblig'd
to request your Majesty's permission
to attend to it, more than I could

wish. But with a little quiet, I know I shall be able to return to my Duty in a very short time.

I had a long conversation with the Duke of Richmond yesterday upon the Government of Portsmouth, upon which He will desire the Honour of an audience of your Majesty this day. Your Majesty knows that He is too close a Reasoner to omit the shadow of an Argument in his own Favour without regard to any person. It is Impossible therefore for me to apprise your Majesty

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of what may occur to him in addition
 to a great variety which he us'd to me
 but for want of better I imagine he
 will detain your Majesty on the Im-
 propriety of my obtaining your Ma-
 jesty's promise in favour of Lord
 Pembroke, when I declar'd against
 your Majesty's making any, and as
 to its being in the first formation
 of the Ministry, that I had not com-
 munitated it to Lord Rockingham
 My answer to this is that I communi-
 cated it to General Conway, as soon

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as he had tip'd hands, and that
he agreed to it, and that if I omitted
it to Lord Rockingham, it was not in-
tentionally, but owing to the difficulty
which his Grace very well knew atten-
ded all communications between Lord
Rockingham and me. Nor had Lord
Rockingham been so punctious to
me as to give him any right to com-
plain. The Duke of Richmond acknow-
ledg'd this to be wrong, and I can
plainly see it not inclin'd to be ir-
revocably out of humour. Obed. Servant

and kind dispositions to me, upon which he dwelt, might make the conversation take a more good humoured turn, but your Majesty will naturally think, that the probability of obtaining his Object, when the Government of Plymouth drops, and securing it, if he can in all possible events, (for none seems to escape his Grace's foresight) have their full weight in his manner, however I avoided any engagement as to myself, and said nothing to lead him to believe

Your Majesty would commit yourself
prior to the Vacancy.

Lord Kepple likewise desir'd to see
me yesterday. He is rather sore with
what pass'd in the House on Monday,
which I would have attended, if
I could have held up my Head, and
has renew'd a former Idea of pro-
-posing to Your Majesty the appoint-
-ment of a Major General of Marines
in favour of Admiral Barrington,
which I find Lord Rochingham has
agreed. I find he is embarras'd

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with him, the circumstances of whose
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I was much shock'd with seeing
in Saturday night's Gazette the ap-
pointment of Mr. Flood to the Irish
Council of Ireland, which was in-
tended in the correspondence to
have lain dormant. I find it was
owing to the Deputy Gazette Writer
taking these appointments from
Mr. Shadwell without the knowledge

of any other person in the Office. Mr
Nesbitt wrote on Monday to explain
the matter to Mr Fitzpatrick, thro' whom
the appointment is to proceed. and I
have taken very distinct measures to
prevent such mistakes in future.

There are several Letters from Ire-
land upon the receipt of the Resolu-
tions, but not a Line from the Castle
to the Office. I should scarce know
how to communicate to Your Majesty
the Incol'd private Letter, if Your
great goodness had not already

led your Majesty to see that subject in
so reasonable a view. It is of use how-
ever to be early appriz'd of the In-
-tention of confounding the Heredita-
-ry and Temporary Revenue. There
can be no difficulty of checking
such a project for the present, and
it gives time for preparing against
it ever being brought forward
with success. I have accidentally
seen a private Letter from Ireland,
which mentions considerable Law
changes having taken place there,

and given satisfaction, but not part-
-encouraging them.

Lord Cornuden is just taken ill,
and desires me to make his humble
excuses to your Majesty for being o-
-blig'd to put off a Council summon'd
at S.^r James's this day, and another
at the Lockport.

Captain Jervis will attend
your Majesty's Levee with Lord Steppes.

I have written to the Lord
in Waiting to approve him of your

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birth- Majesty's Intention of conferring the honour
of Knighthood on the Mayor of Lewis
I'll, I am ashamed of troubling your
Majesty with so long a Letter, and shall
be very unhappy, till I can return to
the most acceptable Duty of my Of-
-fice that of attending your Majesty's
Person. In the mean time I would
ask your Majesty's permission to pro-
-pose a meeting of your Servants to
Lord Rockingham upon East India
-level matters, when I may be to propose
to Your Lord Cornwallis, as I find the

Resolutions against Mr. Hastings paper
yesterday. I have mention'd Lord
Cornwallis's name to none of the
Cabinet except in very great confidence
to Lord Ashburton.

I have the Honour to be
with the highest Respect

Your Majesty's

most Duty full

Subject

Berkley Square

29 May 1702

16th past 12 P.M.

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