

Lord Shelburne  
 Berkeley Square July 9<sup>th</sup> 1782. 24. 6. 11.

Lord Shelburne to the King

Sir

The Duke of Richmond and Lord Stople insisted upon my not proceeding in the arrangement, till the event of a meeting at Lord Fitzwilliam's was known which was not till later on Saturday night. The time has been since taken up in consulting and waiting the Decision

of those whom I applied to.

The meeting at Lord Schwilbennet's consisted of between thirty and forty, when the Duke of Richmond Lord Temple and Mr. Pelham resisted a monstrous scene of violence on the part of Mr. Fox and his particular Friends - The Duke of Richmond has been much interested in consequence for Lord Temple, whose point was to be Secretary of the Home Department. I have been obliged

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to a great deal of management and  
in a very particular manner to the as-  
sistance of Mr James Grenville to get  
him to go to Ireland in the stead of  
it.

I have left no stone unturned about  
a Chancellor of the Exchequer, but  
it is not to be described the difficulty  
I have met with in regard to that  
particular Employment. Mr James  
Grenville declared in the most positive

manner both that and Secretary at War.  
Mr. Hamilton's view goes to no active  
Employment whatever, but looks to some  
Insecure Situation. Upon the whole  
The arrangement I have the honour  
to inclose to your Majesty I hope is  
the best of which the times and means  
admit.

I am still under a considerable  
difficulty about a Secretary at War,  
not being able to find any body in  
office to promote to that Employment.

except Sir George Young, about the propriety of which I have great doubts. Mr. Pown's declined Employment three months since, and has appear'd very intimately connected with those who have lately resign'd, and I find great personal aversion to Lord Beauchamp, independant of going into another Line, without obtaining much efficiency by it, except in point of numbers.

I wait your Majesty's approbation

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To send to Lord Grantham.

Mr Fox declared at his meeting that he intended taking all advantages, and to have no managements in his language. He has given a Proof by summoning every person possible to Town, with a view to bring a question on American Dependence to morrow in the House of Commons. I hope it will be properly resisted, and that I have neglected nothing,

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but being as yet totally ignorant about  
the House of Commons, I cannot an-  
swer for the event in the manner  
I could wish to do.

Lord Duncannon and Mr. John  
Townsend have resigned to Lord Splee,  
who has agreed to my recommenda-  
tion of two Lords, upon condition of  
some future arrangement for his  
private Secretary, whom he had thought  
of bringing to the Board. Lord Robert  
Spencer having desired his resignation

to be laid before your Majesty, I have  
taken the liberty to offer his employment  
to the Duke of Marlborough for Lord  
Charles Spencer. I hear of no further  
resignations except that of Mr. Burke,  
who has not as yet signified his Inten-  
tion.

There are several particulars, which  
I defer troubling your Majesty with  
till I have the honour of attending  
you.

I have the Honour to be with  
the highest Respect  
Your Majesty's most  
Dutiful Subject and  
Faithfull Servant  
P. Boyle

Berkley Square  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1702 2 o'clock P.M.