

Draft to E. of Shelburne
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The language of the D. of Richmond on Friday convinced Me that he would expect so much management towards himself in the Arrangement that I was not surpris'd at not hearing from Ld. Shelburne till this Morning. I do not doubt that Ld. Pitt with more is now intead the apparent head on the Vicar Party, the Meeting at his House too clearly shews it, and his temper inclines to go any lengths. Ld. Shelburne has acted very properly in turning Ld. Temple from the Office of Secretary for the Home Department to Ld. Aub. of Ireland, I am glad Mr. G. Grenville has been of use, I hope he will be cultivated. He is certainly a worthy Man.

I am sorry Mr. Pitt cannot be Secretary of State but undoubtedly he may take the lead as Chancellor of the Exchequer which Mr. Townshend cannot object to and perhaps considering his Youth the Arrangement may appear better as necessity has decided it.

It is impossible for Me to give any opinion as to the propriety of appointing Sir Geo. Yonge Secretary at War as I am totally unacquainted with him, but I shall undoubtedly cordially receive any one that may best suit the present Arrangement.

Ld. Grantham I should suppose is in Berkshire & perfectly agree this being instantly summoned.

I am glad Mr. Fox is to try a question on American unconditional Independence; I do not believe the Nation at large willing to come into it and great discredit will therefore attend the Party that propose it. The conduct of Ld. Shelburne and those who have acted partially with him have ever held a distinction in that regard in the House of Commons which is known by the public who will rejoice at seeing this question

question decided against the leaders of sedition.

Sam'l^d Lt. Keppel consents to the two gentlemen coming to the Board of Admiralty Lt. Shelburne proposes, and looks to some future arrangement for his private Secretary; I am surpris'd, the thought of a seat at that Board for him, he is son to a domestic servant of Lt. Keppel's father who lately died one of the Pages in my outward room; this pretty clearly shews his intentions of resigning have vanished.

Lt. Chas. Spenser very properly succeeds his brother.

Those agreeable to the enclosed Raps that can attend tomorrow ought to have notice to attend at 10. I must tomorrow.

I do not know whether the Minute of Cabinet in the Book was for my use & therefore return it but approve of the Measure.

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