

Thos. Townshend
(For H.M.'s reply see over)

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Whitehall August the 30th
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Mr Townshend humbly
presumes to represent to your Majesty,
that he is apprehensive, that the
Delay in forwarding the Commission
to Mr Oswald, which is now occasioned
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by the Attorney General's absence from
London, & which will be increased by
the Chancellor's being at present at
Brentford, may have materially bad
consequences in the negotiation, which it
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wishes to receive Your Majesty's Permission to send the Instructions to Mr Oswald & a Copy of the Commission to Paris immediately. In which case, he will write to Mr Oswald to account for the delay, & prevent the Jealousies, which he understands to be now arising from it.

H. L. to T. Townshend

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Nothing can be more proper than the suggestion of Mr Secretary
Townshend that the delay in forwarding the Commission to Mr Oswald
may materially affect the negotiation at Paris, and that it is expedient
to prevent it by sending Mr Oswald a copy of the Commission immediately
and stating that the delay of the Original is occasioned by the Chancery
being at Brentham and the Attorney General in Wales.

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