

L. of Shelburne
Buckley Square Aug: 20. 1782
12. at night
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Sir

I pray to God, if the melancholy Event your Majesty apprehends should have taken place, that he will enable both Your Majesty and the Queen to submit to this first Domestic Loss with Fortitude and Resignation.

I have obey'd your Majesty's commands to the other Ministers, and have the

I am sorry to find Sir James Lowther
very much agitated with the delay
of the Court of Enquiry appointed to
examine into his conduct, and bent
upon resigning, and at the same time
to request Your Majesty's acceptance
of a 74 Gun Ship fitted and com-
-pletely mann'd at his own expence.
I have endeavour'd to dissuade him
from resigning, at least for the pre-
-sent on his own account, and have

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had recourse to every means possible to bring his business to a proper issue. As to his intended offer of a Ship, I told him as a Minister that Your Majesty on the part of the Publick might think it too much to accept, at the same time I hop'd I did not do wrong in telling him as a Private Man how much honour such a Step must do him, but that I did not think it proper to carry such

an offer hastily to your Majesty, and
should not therefore do it, till he
had time to consider it well, and
would mention it again.

I take the liberty of adding a
Letter of Mr. Baring's, which it was
my Intention to have laid before
your Majesty to morrow.

I ask pardon for intruding so
much upon your Majesty at such

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a time.

I have the honour to be with
the highest Respect and Attachment

Your Majesty's
Devoted Servant
and Faithfull
Subject

Berkley Square
20th July 1702
12 o' clock at night.

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It is quite right that the ~~Shallick~~ service should be suspended, at it can be only an additional expence, to have the Relief of Gibraltar executed with the utmost dispatch, which alone can render the measure effectual.

I am sorry to find that Lt. Howe's desire of restoring discipline in the Navy should have caused some ill humours, but I am clear he must be supported, and that once done, that for the future the service will be made by his strict

I spoke strongly the other day to the Adjutant General of the expediency of preventing the Court Martial on Sir Jo: Lowther, he seemed to think that gentleman disgraced if not allowed an opportunity to clear himself; I took the care of only looking to the last years it might occasion in the Militia, and therefore it ought to be prevented. If Lt. Hebburne thinks I ought to take any further step I am ready to write to General Conroy on the subject.

Sir Jo: Lowther's offer is so unexpected that Lt. Hebburne has certainly acted properly in advising him to reconsider it.

I am glad to see the spirit that seems to actuate the Gentlemen in Devonshire.