

Draft to Mr. Secretary Townshend
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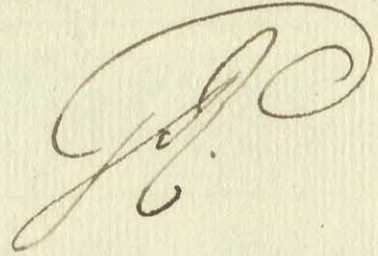
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The Dispatches from Paris are undoubtedly very unpleasant and authorize
the doubt I have uniformly expressed of any inclination of D.^r Franklin
in favour of this Country, which I think is now very clear as also that
Mr. Jay is in the same sentiments but avows them more openly.
Before Mr. Townshend can wish to form any opinion to lay before
You on these Papers it is very natural that he should wish to
have the Sentiments of the whole Cabinet which cannot be ascertained
as the same are at such a Distance before this Day brought.
I trust he will therefore send to the absent Ministers and summon
them for that day and send them a short precis of the business
he will then have to lay before them.

Mr. Townshend's expressions on the loss of the Queen
have sustained have the more weight as he has but too
strongly felt similar misfortunes and at more advanced years.



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