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Sir

It grieves me more than I can express  
that, in a moment when Your Majesty and  
the Queen suffer under so much Domestic  
Affliction, any advice from abroad  
should add to Your Majesty's uneasi-  
ness.

Mr Oswald's Dispatches to Mr Townsend  
and Mr Fitzherbert to Lord Grantham

make it almost unnecessary to trouble Your Majesty with the Invol'd, the reports attempted to be convey'd being evidently and foolishly calculated to alarm and mislead, tho' I know the Writer to be incapable of such Intentions. I perceive Doct<sup>r</sup> Franklin has taken every advantage of my communications to his Friends and Correspondents, they were made deliberately, and will preserve at all times the <sup>Proceeding</sup> roundness and fairness of Your Majesty's, which will not appear to less advantage, when contrasted with those, which in their present

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Your States at least wear every appearance  
of Insolence and Craft. As to the  
Issue to which it is now brought, It is  
not for me to presume to Judge of  
Your Majesty's Feelings by my own -  
I shall consider it merely as a Polit-  
ical Question, and devote my mind  
to collect every material, which may  
enable Your Majesty's better Judge-  
ment to decide finally upon a mat-  
ter, which is of itself highly important,  
but render'd infinitely more so by  
its being complicated with every  
other question both at home and  
abroad now depending.

I hope it will be unnecessary to give  
Your Majesty any further trouble about  
Sir James Lowther's Court Marshal,  
which is at least I hope in a fair  
way to be terminated as he writes.

I have the honour to inclose to Your  
Majesty another Letter from Lord  
Kepple. I hear nothing further about  
the Fleet, and hope every thing is  
quiet for the present, which I hope  
may be the case till Gibraltar is  
reliev'd - I am very happy to know  
Your Majesty's determination as  
to the future discipline of it.

There is an account receiv'd of

The Duke of Perthlands having had a  
 bad Fall from his Horse. His lower  
 Bone has been dislocated, and one  
 of his Ribs broke, which is likely to  
 confine him for six weeks at your  
 Majesty's House in the Phoenix Park.  
 Lord Temple of course means to defer  
 his departure to attend your Majesty  
 on Wednesday.

I have the honour to be with the  
 most Dutyfull anxiety for your Majesty's  
 and the Queen's Health,

Sir

Berkley Square

21<sup>st</sup> August 1702

45<sup>th</sup> part 3.

Your Majesty's

Devoted Subject

and Servant

Shelburne

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]*