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Present

Lord Chancellor  
 Lord President  
 Lord Privy Seal  
 Earl of The Burrell  
 Duke of Richmond  
 Lord Grantham  
 Mr Pitt  
 General Conway  
 Lord Ashburton  
 Mr Townshend

It is humbly recommended  
 to Your Majesty, that Mr Oswald should  
 be ordered, to make the Concession of Inde-  
 pendence pursuant to the Fourth Article  
 of his Instructions, and to declare his rea-  
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direct to conclude upon that, and the rest  
 of the four Articles stated to him by  
 Dr Franklin as mentioned in Our Or-  
 der's Letter to the Earl of Shelburne  
 of the tenth of July last. But if the  
 Commissioners should refuse to treat  
 without the previous Acknowledgement of  
 Independence, and should express themselves  
 ready to declare themselves satisfied

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with these four Articles, provided the  
 Independence should be irrevocably ack-  
 nnowledged, without reference to the final  
 Settlement of the Treaty, Mr Oswald should  
 inform them, that he has no Power under  
 the Act of the last Session of Parlia-  
 ment to conclude upon that footing;  
 But that Your Majesty will recom-  
 mend it to your Parliament to acknow-  
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ledge the Independance of the thirteen  
Colonys absolutely and irrevocably.