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Having read the letters Lord Shelburne has received from Paris, as well as the Official Dispatches to Lord Grantham and Mr. Townsend, I entirely coincide with the opinion that as all the terms of Peace and America are now arrived, the Cabinet cannot too soon assemble that these may ~~be~~ without delay be considered of. Lord Grantham's dispatches being still on my table, I will write a few lines to him that the business may be brought forward as soon as possible.

I trust the same secrecy which has done credit to the various parts of Administration during the early steps of the Negotiation will continue now things seem to be advancing towards Maturity.

I cannot conclude without mentioning how sensibly I feel the dismemberment of America from this Empire, and that I should be miserable indeed if I did not feel that no blame on that Account can be laid to my Door, and did I not also know that knavery seems to be so much the striking feature of its Inhabitants that it may not in the end be an evil that they become Aliens to this Kingdom.

HM to Ld Shelburne

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To the Honble
 the Earl of Shelburne
 Newhall Nov 10. 1782.
 By Anne's Hand Nov 10. 1782.