Mr Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
Wimbledon May 2.d 1784. m.r 5.p.t 8. A.M

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Mr Pitt has the Honor of Your Majesty's
Gracious Commands, and humbly presumes
to acquaint Your Majesty that Steps
have been taken to endeavor to engage
the Quakers, of which Mr Pitt hopes the
Number will not prove less considerable
than it has been represented.

Wimbledon. May 2d 1784.
5h. past 8 A.M.

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à Vienne, ce 5. de Mai, 1784.

Monsieur,

La situation est sûrement bien delicate, & embarassante, en Vous addressant l'inclose ecrite à la Reine par la Baronne Serdagna ici. Elle concerne une dette de S.A.S. le Prince George de Mecklenbourg, contractée en montant à une lettre de S.A.E. mais accompagnée en outre de circonstances très graves, & sur les quelles il seroit à souhaiter de faire passer l'eponge. Je me serois très heureux, de me pouvoir refuser à accepter l'inclose, mais j'ai du juger, que l'attention, que j'ai toujours taché de temoigner pour tout ce qui peut interesser le Prince, & surtout le respectueux

devouement, que je dois à la Reine, devoient l'emporter sur toute
autre consideration. Mr. Serdagna a ici de grandes connexi-
ons avec les Maisons d'Esterhazy & de Lichtenstein, & je me
trouvois donc pour dire, que dès que je me soustraitois à me char-
ger de la lettre, elle trouveroit aisément moyen, de la faire
parvenir avec ses plaintes jusques entre les mains de la
Reine par le Comte de Hagenecq, ou d'intercepter en sa fa-
veur le Prince de Kaunitz, & de reclamer l'interception de
la Cour, ce qui à tout egard j'envisagois non seulement comme
prejudiciable au Prince, mais comme beaucoup plus desagreable
à S.M.te. Ne vous etonnez pas, Monsieur, que je me sois
chargé de cette fatale & affligeante commission sur le Chev.
Keith; c'est lui-meme, qui a renvoyé à moi Mr. Serdagna,
& qui m'a encore ce matin fait appercevoir dans une conse-

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rence, que j'ai eüe avec lui sur ce sujet, combien par plus d'une raison il pense, qu'il vaille mieux, que les choses passent par mes mains, & par mon paquet, que par son canal; cependant il achemina à la Reine par la derniere poste une lettre de S. H. S. que nous comptons avoir roulé sur le meme sujet. Le Prince n'est plus ici; mais je vais lui ecrire encore aujourd'hui, que l'incluse, dont la Baronne Serdagna l'avoit prevenu, part avec cet ordinaire.

Mr. Serdagna dit, que dans le moment elle ne desire, que la sureté de son capital, & que dès que S. M. daigne la lui faire promettre, et s'en charge, elle s'en remet absolument à son bon plaisir pour tout autre arrangement, & le terme quelconque du payement effectif, & que dès alors elle se desistera de toute autre poursuite en justice contre le Prince, l'honneur duquel elle ne souhaitoit pas mieux, que de ne compromettre en aucune façon du monde.

Du reste je me crois obligé en

contrainte à vous confier, Monsieur, qu'en general l'etat du dein
ce est fort critique, & qu'une formelle convocation judiciaire
des Creanciers par le Conseil de guerre paroit inevitable, si au
moins une creance aussi forte, que celle de M.r Serdagna n'est
assoupie. On sait, combien l'Empereur est pressé, & je craindrois
fort, qu'une telle issuë ne fit un tort infini au Service dans l'
esprit de S.A. D'un autre cotè je crois entrevoir, qu'on ait sugge-
ré à M.r de Serdagna ce meme expedient de s'addresser à la dei-
ne, pour eluder, s'il est possible, la necessité de [illegible] d'ap-
profondir cette affaire. En attendant la reponse, & les ordres
de S.A. je m'employerai de mon mieux, pour arreter toute de-
marche retrograde de la Baronne. Vous savez, Monsieur,
mieux, que je ne pourrois Vous indiquer le meilleur moyen
de porter tout ceci à la connoissance de la Reine, mais, en
me mettant aux pieds de S.A. je Vous conjure, de faire
valoir les raisons, qui m'ont determiné aujourd'hui, que

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j'ai pris, à singe qu'aucun déplaisir de S. M. ne m'attire sa disgrace; mais qu'Elle daigne envisager avec Bonté mon respectueux & Zelé devouement, les sentimens duquel, profondement gravés dans mon cœur, ont pu tout seuls m'y engager.

Je suis avec l'estime & l'amitié la plus parfaite & la plus distinguée,

Monsieur

Votre très humble & très obeissant serviteur

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May 5th. 1784

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Ld. Talbot

May 6 1784

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Sir

No one can approach your Majesty with more diffidence of his own pretensions than myself; The highest respect for the Crown, & warmest attachment to your Majesty's Person, induced me to request the Honor of an Audience, in order humbly to submit my wishes at once to your Majesty, rather than communicate them through any other Channel.

To revive the Earldom extinct upon the Death of the late Earl Talbot, is an object of too much importance to

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myself & Family not to be most earnestly
desir'd, & may I presume to say that in
proportion as I highly ambition that
Honor, I feel additional anxiety that it
should in no degree be owing to intermediate
intercession, but flow directly from your
Majesty's royal Bounty & Condescension.

Your Majesty's gracious expressions
flatter'd me with the Idea that my
solicitation was not presumptuous, nor
the method of communication displeasing
to your Majesty.

I am sensible how much it is my Duty
not to appear importunate, & I presume
to take this method of addressing your
Majesty rather than intruding myself

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Ld. Talbot

May 6 1784

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again upon your Majesty's presence, meaning
only with all humility to submit my
hopes that I may not upon the present
promotions, lose a place in your Majesty's
gracious remembrance.

I have no merit to plead. To your
Majesty's gracious indulgence I can only
address myself; Happy in thinking
that the measures I have hitherto
supported have met with your Royal
Approbation, I can only add that my
attachment & zeal to your Majesty
will ever incline me to follow most
earnestly the same line of conduct
which will prove more than any
expressions how truly I am

Sir

with every sentiment

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of Deference & Respect

Your Majesty's

most Dutyfull Subject

& Faithfull & obedient

Servant

Talbot

May 6th - 1784

And Talbot

May 6. 1784

Ld. Sydney

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Downing Street
May the 11th 1784
½ past 11 A. M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty a Minute of Cabinet of last Night relative to the Separation of the Province of Nova Scotia into two Governments.

Lord

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Lord Sydney thinks it his duty to acquaint His Majesty, that a Riot of a very serious Nature happened in Covent Garden yesterday. It was begun about half an hour past three of the Clock by an Attempt of the Peace Officers to disarm a number of Persons, who had appeared with Bludgeons and Cleavers disposed to commit Mischief, and also resisted the Peace Officers and maimed

Several

Ld. Sydney

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Several of them, Sir Sampson Wright, and some other Magistrates were sent for. They thought it necessary to call the Military to their assistance, and a party under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Johnstone came to their support.

One of the Peace Officers died of his wounds in the Night, and thirteen of the most active Rioters are committed to Newgate.

Lord Sydney
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11 Stray 1786

gate. A small party of the Guard remain
in Wood's Hotel during the night.

Lord Sydney is taking farther mea
sures to prevent, if possible, disturban
ces of the same kind today.

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Cabinet Minute Book

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St James's
May the 10th 1784

Present
The Lord Chancellor
The Lord President
Mr Pitt
Marquis of Carmarthen
Lord Howe
Duke of Richmond
Lord Sydney

It is humbly represented to His Majesty, that it may be proper to separate the Province of Nova Scotia into two Governments, by drawing a Line from the Mouth of the Musquet River to its Source, and from thence across the Isthmus into the nearest part of the Bay

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Verte: that the Island of St John in the Gulph of Saint Lawrence, and the Island of Cape Breton should be annexed to the Eastern Government, and that there should be Lieutenant Governors at each of these

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Cabinet Minute Encl.

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subordinate to the said Lisbon Govern-
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Lord Sydney
11th May 1784

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Albemarle Street
May 11: 1784
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30 past 12

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty the List of the sixteen Peers of Scotland as well as of the Candidates, who were un

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successfull with the numbers of votes
given for each Peer.

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4	Cathcart	30	
4	Cranstoun	30	
2	Rinnaird	36	

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Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
Downing Street May 14.th 1784. m 20. p.t 3. P.M.

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Mr Pitt having had the mortification, from unavoidable Business at the Treasury, to be too late at St James's to be honored with Your Majesty's commands, humbly presumes to submit the draught of a Speech prepared in obedience to Your Majesty's Orders. The Blank is left to be filled up if the account of the definitive Treaty with Holland should

answer in Time to be inserted.

Mr Pitt humbly hopes to be honored with
your Majesty's Pleasure relative to the Time
of the Speech being read in your Majesty's
Presence; if Mr Pitt is not mistaken in
imagining that your Majesty has been
pleased on similar occasions to hold a
Council for that Purpose

Downing Street. Friday May 14th 1784

Ld. Sydney

5832

Whitehall
Saturday 15 May
1784
M/40 past 11 P.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty a List of the Lords to be present upon the reading of His Majesty's intended Speech at the opening of the Parliament.

Lord

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Lord Sydney humbly expresses his
Wish to receive His Majesty's Commands
as to the hour at which His Majesty
will please that they should attend Him

Lord Sydney
Whitehall May 15th 1784.
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40. p.t 11. P.M.

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Wm. Pitt

May 16 1784

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to submit to Your Majesty a Copy of the Speech in which some few slight alterations have been suggested, tending chiefly to shorten it. Mr Pitt has in obedience to Your Majesty's Commands, consulted the Lord Speaker, and understands from Him

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Wm. P

that it might be most convenient, on
Account of the Members to be sworn in
before the Lord Steward on Tuesday, if It
should be your Majesty's Pleasure to go
down to the House about three on that day;
but that two o'clock might be more eligible
on Wednesday, as It would allow Time
after the Speech for Members to take

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Wm. Pitt

May 16 1784

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the Bills in the House of Commons before four o'clock. Mr Pitt hopes that in that case it may be possible for Members enough to be sworn to proceed to Business on Friday, tho' he finds it is more generally expected to be deferred till the Monday following

Downing Street. May 16th 1784.
10 m. past 5 PM.

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Lord Sydney
May 18. 1784

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Albemarle Street
May 18: 1784
$\frac{m}{15}$ past 10 A.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty the Copy of His Majesty's intended Speech at the opening of the Session of Parliament.

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Ld. Sydney

5835

Whitehall
May 24: 1784
11/29 past 4 P.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to ask His Majesty's Commands relative to firing the Park and Tower Guns tomorrow in conse-

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quence of the arrival of the Definitive Treaty of Peace with the States General of the United Provinces.

Lord

Ld. Sydney

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Lord Sydney likewise humbly submits to know His Majesty's pleasure concerning the Proclamation of the Peace with the United Provinces in the same manner as

was

was done in the case of the Peace
with France and Spain.

Sir Sydney
Whitehall May 24th 1784. 29m p.4. P.

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Ld. Howe

May 29 1784

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Lord Howe has the honor to transmit for your Majestys information, the Letter of the 5th Instant from Commodore Sir John Lindsay, refered to in the Commodores Letter of the 10th of the Month which preceded the former in it's Arrival, by Post. Also several Dispatches received from Vice Admiral Gambier, by your Majestys Frigate the Duc de Chartres, arrived from Jamaica. Captain Affleck the Commander of the Frigate met with a French Merchant Ship on his passage, which was so leaky, and had suffered so much in bad Weather a few days before, that Captain Affleck had only time to take out the Passengers and Crew, with their Baggage, and the greatest part

of the Sum of 20,000 Dollars sent by the Merchants at Cape François to their Correspondents at Bourdeaux, to which last Port the Ship was on her return, before the Ship sunk.

Lord Howe having communicated this circumstance to Ct. Dathemar, the Ambassador requests a convoy may be provided for the Crew, Passengers, & Effects, to be landed in any near Port of France: proposing to furnish the Commander of any of your Majesty's Ships whom your Majesty may be graciously pleased to appoint of being ordered on that Service, with an Explanatory Letter for the Commandant of the Port into which those Persons may be to conveyed, that they may be received there

Ld. Howe

May 29 1784

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immediately.

Lord Howe humbly solicits your Majestys permission, that a Frigate may be ordered for that occasion: and would propose, that the Captain should be secretly instructed to chuse the Port of Cherbourg in preference; in order to inspect the progress of the Works which have been many years carrying on there, to extend as well as strengthen the accommodation for the reception of Ships of War, together with Merchant Ships, at that Port.

Admiralty Office
29 May 1784
W. Pitt

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Visc.r Howe,

Adm.ty Office 29.th May 1784

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Lord Howe
May 31. 1794

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Lord Howe, understanding it has always been
your Majesty's pleasure to have your Books unbound
for your first Reading, and that they may be afterwards
bound to correspond with the rest of your Majestys
Books; He humbly requests your Majestys Commands,
for knowing when he may be allowed the honor
to lay the History of the late Captain Cooks last
Voyage at your Majestys and the Queen's Feet,

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antecedent to the general Delivery of the Work conformable to the public notice given to that effect, for the fourth of the next Month.

Admiralty-Office
31 May 1784
6th P.M.

Bound copy of 3rd edition, 1785, in RL
Presentation copy in King's Library BM

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Lord Howe
June 3d 1794

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Lord Howe has the honor to transmit to your Majesty, the accounts given by Captain Thompson and Captain Wilson, respecting a claim made by the French Commander of the Frigate appointed to accept the surrender of the Island of Goree, to the continuance of a French Comptoir within the entrance of the River Gambia.

Admiralty Office
3 June 1794
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Ld. Sydney

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Albemarle Street
Wednesday June 9.
1784
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35 past 10 A.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty for His Royal Consideration a proposed answer to the Address of

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Ld. S

the Convocation.

The Commissioners of Accounts
having prepared another Report
have desired Lord Lydney humbly

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Ld. Sydney

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to ask His Majesty's Permission
to present it to day at His Majes-
ty's Levee.

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Ld. Sydney
Albemarle Street June 9th 1784 m 35 pt 10 A

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Lord Howe
June 10. 1794

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Lord Howe has the honor to transmit to your Majesty, the last Dispatch received by post from Commodore Sir John Lindsay, dated the 28th of May.

He presumes at the same time to submit for your Majesty's approbation, the two Commissions for Exchange of Divisional Duty, requested by the Marine Officers therein named.

Admiralty-Office
10 June 1794
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Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
June 14.th 1784.

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to acquaint
your Majesty that Mr Burke to day
made a Motion in the House, for a
Representation to your Majesty containing
a long Vindication of the last Parliament
in not less than twenty Pages. The
Motion was seconded without any Speech

in support of It. by Mr Windham
Member for Norwich, and was instantly
negatived without either debate or
Division.

Downing Street
Monday Evening. June 14th. 1784

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Wm. Pitt

June 16 1784

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to acquaint
Your Majesty that Mr Sawbridges Motion
for a Committee to enquire into the State
of the Representation came on to day.
Some previous Conversation took
place on the Impropriety of dispensing with
but he adhered to his Intention. The
Motion was seconded by Mr Newnham and

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supported by Mr Martin, Lord Lansy, Sir
R Ashley, Mr Pitt and Mr Fox, and
opposed by Mr Grosvenor, Sir R Hill
Mr Taylor (Member for Poole) Lord
North, Mr Jenkinson, Mr Burke, Lord
Mulgrave (who moved the previous
Question) and Mr W Grenville. The

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House divided on the previous Question,
which was carried against the Motion
being put by 187 to 125.

Downing Street. Wednesday night June 6th.

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It seems but natural to suppose that Mr. Sawbridge's Motion could not meet with the Approbation of those not Admirers of Innovations, or of those who wish for a reasonable Alteration, if it can be effected, but have the sense to see the difficulty of such an undertaking, and that without the greatest caution it may give birth to greater evils than those Attempted to be cured. The sending to a Committee this serious question unaccompanied with a Plan, would be setting the Nation in a flame, as it would be an encouragement to every wild head to bring forward every absurd proposal, which though not likely to be addopted would be renewing an idea of grievances which the Nature of Man is but too much inclined ever to suppose even where there is no grounds for the Assertion. I hope the business will be kept in the ~~[illegible]~~ possession of cooler heads than that of Mr. Sawbridge

New June 17th 1784 $\frac{m}{46}$ pt. 7. A.M.

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Exch.r
Downing Street June 16th 1784.
my answer New June 17th 1784. $\frac{m}{46}$ p. 7. A.M.

Lord Wood
June 20. 1784

Sir 5843 N°. 1. Bond Street June 20th 1784

Your Majesty having been graciously pleased to extend your Royal favour and attention to me, in so many instances, I think it my duty to make known to your Majesty, my having communicated to Mr. Pitt, the letter I wrote to Lord Viscount Keppel, his Lordship's answer, and the subsequent conversation I had with the Duke of Portland, upon the same subject; I also put into Mr. Pitt's hands, the paper, which I most humbly take the libroty of enclosing a copy of, and shall feel myself inexprehibly happy, should it fortunately meet your Majesty's approbation.

Mr. Fox having undertaken the gift of prophecy in the House of Commons, that the Scrutiny for Westminster would last many years, in order to deter the House from allowing the High Bailiff to go into it; his council and Sentinecrs, labour all they can, to fulfill the said prophecy

prophecy, in hopes of forcing Sir Cecil Vray to give the Scrutiny up, but they are perfectly mistaken, and when they find, their artifices and tricks will not avail, we shall I dare say go better on, and I trust end well

with the purest sentiments of respect and attachment it will be the pride of my Life to prove myself

Sir

Your majesty's

ever dutifull

and devoted Servant

Harry

Wm. Pitt
to H.M.'s reply

June 30 1784

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to acquaint
your Majesty that the various Resolutions
proposed to day to the House of Commons
on the subjects of the Loan, the Subscription
for the unfunded Debt, and the Taxes
were unanimously agreed to. A good
deal of Conversation took place principally

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with respect to the Coal Tax, to which
so many Persons seemed determined from
Local Reasons, that a more considerable
Opposition than to other Measures
seems not improbable in the
subsequent Stages of it. — Mr Fox avoided
pledging Himself directly either for
or against any Thing proposed, and

Wm. Pitt
& H.M.'s reply

June 30 1784

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chose to assume, at least for this days debate, on appearance of Moderation and Candour.

Downing Street.
Wednesday Night June 30th 1784

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It is with infinite Satisfaction I learn from Mr. Pitt's letter that the various Resolutions proposed yesterday to the House of Commons on the Subject of the Loan, the Subscription for the Unfunded Debt, and the Taxes were unanimously agreed to. Nothing is more natural than that such heavy Charges requiring many new taxes, those particularly affected by some, will from that selfish motive, though conscious of the necessity of new furtheres, attempt to place them on others rather than on themselves. Mr. Fox's moderation and candour will cease if any strong Opposition to particular Taxes should arise; but I trust Mr. Pitt will be able to carry all of them: it seemed to be an opinion yesterday that the Brick Tax was the one most likely to be Opposed; but Mr. Pitt not having mentioned it; I suppose that branch of Trade has not so many friends in the House as the Coal Pits, which are the property of more considerable Persons, and therefore more clamorous, though not less able to support a new charge on their profits.

Kew July 1th 1784.

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
Downing Street Dare 30th 1784.
My answer Kew July 1st 1784.

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
July 3.d 1784. 11. H. A. M.
my answer July 3.d 1784.

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to
acquaint your Majesty that a long
Debate took place Yesterday in the
House of Commons, in consequence of
his moving for Leave to bring in a
Bill for the further Relief of the

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East India Company, with respect
to the Arrears of Duties, the Payment
of the Bills drawn, and the Settling
of their Dividend in future. No regular
Opposition was made to It, nor any
Objection to those particular Heads,
except on the Ground that the General

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Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
July 3.d 1784. 11. H. A. M.
my answer July 3.d 1784.

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Regulation of their affairs ought to
precede. But this was not much
insisted upon. The debate was principally
on the future Prospect of their Finances,
which Mr Francis, Mr Eden, and Mr
Fox represented in the most gloomy
light, and which Mr Smith, the Chairman

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Mr Scott, Mr Atkinson, and Mr Dundas
stated as more promising if put under
proper Regulation. Some Conversation
also took place on the degree to which the
Public Credit was pledged by the acceptance
of Bills, between Mr Fox, Mr Francis, on one
side and Mr Pitt, Mr Dundas and Mr
Jenkinson on the other. Some very sensible

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Observations were made in the Course
of the Debate, by Col Cathcart who
spoke for the first Time, on the Subject
of the State of the Military in India.
Mr Pitt gave Notice that the Regulation
of the Company's Affairs should be brought
on on Tuesday next.

Downing Street
Saturday July 3d 1784. 11 A.M.

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Windsor July 3d. 1784.

So much heat having been occasioned by the very dangerous Bill for regulating the Affairs of the East India Company abroad, it is scarcely possible any step shall be taken concerning that Subject, that shall not bring on some debate in the House of Commons. I trust Mr. Pitt will get through the various parts that may be necessary to be discussed this session with that Success which ought ever to attend those who have no other view but that of doing justice. I am not surprised Major Cathcart met with Applause on his first appearance yesterday as a Speaker, having ever heard him looked on as a Sensible Young Man. I am certain He cannot have said any thing in favour of the Troops in India remaining in the hands of the Company, but must have enforced that they ought to be those of the Nation though paid by the Company. Then a total stop could be put to the Shameful mode of encreasing the number of Officers every hour to answer the Views of particular persons; then the half pay might be gradually diminished by obliging those on it to fill up vacancies or be struck Off of it; besides putting the Military in that Country on a respectable foot which Officers belonging to a Company cannot pretend to.

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