

Draft to the E. of Chatham  
Queen's House, March 3. 1767.  
on  
10 past Six P.M.

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Lord Chatham, I received with great pleasure on returning  
from the Play last Night the account of your arrival,  
& am anxious to know how you continue, during  
your severe confinement. I have had a great share of its  
duration to the Uneasiness you have felt from considering  
how necessary your presence was for my service &  
that of the Public; I do not think it fair to detain  
you longer, <sup>but cannot conclude without</sup> ~~except to express~~ my reliance that  
your <sup>firmness</sup> ~~stability of mind~~ will be encouraged with  
or doubled ardour to withstand <sup>that evil called connection</sup> ~~the principles~~ that  
after the extraordinary event of Friday, as to myself I own  
~~and desire this country, I mean connection;~~  
it has that effect on me;

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of lined paper pasted onto a larger sheet of paper.]*