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Duke of Grafton, I cannot refrain the pleasure of  
rejoicing with you on the very agreeable issue of  
Yesterday, it augurs well for the subsequent days on the  
East India business, & I am not without hopes that if  
pains are taken Lieutenant General Conway may be  
persuaded to take a more active part on this  
occasion than there was any reason to imagine; from  
this consideration on his acquainting me last night  
with what had passed in the House of Commons  
I wrote him the enclosed Note which I hope will  
have some effect on him. I look on all difficulties  
as surmountable if there is a little attention, & am  
sanguine in hopes that this Country by due firmness  
in the Crown & its Ministers will be at length  
preserved from the evils many expect.

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