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Lord Chatham, I cannot help taking up my Pen to express how contented I am at the favorable appearance of the House of Commons yesterday, the not expressing any uneasiness at the Division of the last Friday has greatly contributed to this; which is chiefly owing to that intrepidity which ever attends You; now You are arrived in Town every difficulty will daily decrease & tho' I confess that I do not think I have met with that treatment I had reason to expect from many individuals now strangely united in opposition, without any more honorable reasons than because they are out of place, yet I can never believe but the Majority of the Nation must feel themselves interested to wish supporting my measures while my Ministers steadily assist Me in pursuing such, as are calculated solely for the benefit of my Dominions. I cannot conclude without desiring to learn how You continue, & insisting on Your not coming out till You can do it with safety.

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