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Duke of Grafton, Lieutenant General Conway reported to Me what had been said at the meeting on Friday concerning the Russian Embassy; His greatest difficulty is to prevent other Powers looking on Mr. Stanly's not going to Russia, ~~where~~ <sup>and</sup> Count Czernischew's being publicly appointed Ambassador (as a cod piece between the two Courts) & that we must <sup>own</sup> to all Europe ~~was~~ the Turkish Clause as the reason, which he thought <sup>thinks</sup> big with mischief; I perceived he would be flattered if I seem'd to give some attention to what he said, I upon that told him that as he said he could not well write till Friday I would give him my direction on Wednesday, this had its effect, I shall then direct him to acquaint Mr. Stanly

that he is caused from going on so fruitless a  
service, I see a great inclination in the General  
to pursue my Affairs, which I am certain would  
be fixed resolution, if you could get Ad. Chatham  
to see him, & shew him a little cordiality, You know  
my sentiments on this Subject & therefore will not  
detain you longer except to enquire the reason  
why the Board <sup>Stagnant</sup> have put off till twelve tomorrow  
taking my Requests concerning the Provisions  
for my Brothers into consideration.