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Sir,

It is probable that your Majesty may have heard of a most melancholy & so also so unfortunate accident that happened to me on Thursday last, as I was driving General Conway in the evening to Town from the Lord Chancellor's, who was Dejected on unhappy old man, extremely drunk, reeled against the shoulder of one of the Horses, who by being stopped instantly wounded the Girth of his Leg so much, that joined to a bad habit of Body, he is since dead, notwithstanding the Relief that the most ready & able Assistance could give him. Dejected with this shocking misfortune is in the state of mind the Accident has put me in — I am incapable of laying the inclosed Letter before you in the manner tomorrow, which my Duty would require. After having presumed, Sir, to relate to your Majesty the Circumstances of my sad & unlucky story, I am lead to add, that, if it had been attended with any Circumstances of travelling or impudent Race, Inattention, or horse at the un-governable I should have been miserable indeed. I am truly sufficiently so,

the contrary of all these was the real situation,
so though I am convinced that neither Art nor Discernment
could have done more, ^{that} all that could be done, most
likely to prevent the fatal accident was put in
Practice. I know not, Sir, how to atone for the
my Assumption, which the Desire of obeying Lord
Chatham's Directions made almost unavoidable.

I shall do all to rouse my mind from the Lowness,
this Misfortune has occasioned on my Spirits, which
I must hope will by Degrees be brought about from
a Heart which tells me that, tho' unfortunate, I
am not to blame, & helped by a Change of scene for
a short time.

After All I have ventured to say, Sir, I must
rely on that extreme graciousness I have ever observ'd
to be admird in your Majesty to excuse this long
Interruption, which I was unwilling to give to your
Majesty unless I had considered it as my Duty.

I beg leave to subscribe myself with all possible Zeal
Duty & Attachment,
Sir, Your Majesty's
Most loyal & devoted
Servant & Subject
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