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Duke of Grafton, I have this instant received your letter enclosing one from Lady Chatham; I dare you will acquaint Her how sincerely I partake in whatever regards Her Lord & how much I shall rejoice if He finds ~~the~~ Relief from undertaking the Journey into Somersetshire.

I cannot conclude without returning my hearty thanks for the confidence shewn Me by opening your heart on the melancholy accident that has befallen you; I can easily conceive what so tender a heart as yours must feel at first; but the knowing you were faultless, & that every method had been pursued must soon lessen the weight it has cast on your spirits; Heaven has bequeathed on you not only ~~Ability~~ Ability but every requisite to employ them to your own Honour & the Advantage of your Country; therefore as your Friend I must insist on your not suffering yourself to be too much cast down; Lieutenant General Conway who mentioned this affair on Friday, thought the accident could not be attended with any bad consequences, this is

a proof that the Poor Man's state of Body was the cause of  
his death, pray go into the Country for a few days, & I  
flatter myself I shall see You return as well as You were  
on Wednesday last.

The enclosed is a Scheme for putting the whole Expenditure  
of these Kingdoms on the same Establishment; I drew  
it up in the early part of the last Winter, I mentioned it  
to Lord Chatham who approved of the idea; this being  
the Parliament Winter in Ireland I think I cannot too  
soon send it You for consideration; I have sent a Copy  
to Lord Granby & on Friday (when I meant to have given it  
You) read it to Lord Northington who seemed much  
pleas'd with it; You will perceive that England will  
be put to no Additional Expence, or the contrary ~~and~~  
Reduction; I should think considerably there has been a  
great Addition made to the list of Pensions & none for five  
or six years, I should think it would easily go down there,  
provided some Popular Measure were to accompany it; Dr. Swift  
on quitting that Government too openly talk'd of your Lord  
Chatham meant to propose; but I think the number should  
be reduc'd to one, but more of this when we meet.  
E. S.