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The Duke of Grafton presumes to acquaint his Majesty, that Lord Shelburne understood the question which the Duke of Grafton asked him; but might only be extend to the rupture he would give to the Division of the Department, & not to the necessity of his holding the American Post, to which he has express^d Difficulties, but has reserved the Answer to it till tomorrow.

The Duke of Grafton has thought it necessary to bring Lord Weymouth in the mean time to the most plain Declaration, that, if this is brought about, the Post Office is to satisfy S^d Sandwich. If his Majesty has any further Commands to give the Duke of Grafton, he presumes humbly to entreat that he may receive them so, as to

conduct himself according to the King's Pleasure
in an affair so intricate & so important.