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The Duke of Grafton presumes to acquaint his Majesty that he has been with the Duke of Bedford whom he found, as he humbly thinks, in a disposition that would have been approved of by his Majesty, full of zeal & Duty for the King's Service, & ambitious of hearing that the two principal Persons, whom his Grace has recommended to his Majesty, may act in such a manner as to give Satisfaction to their Royal Master, & of which his Grace makes no Doubt.

The Duke of Bedford also wished to know if Lord Bolingbroke could have the Honor of kissing his Majesty's hand tomorrow; on which head, the Duke of Grafton was not empowered to give any Answer. Lord Essex, though a well-wisher to the arrangement to be made, does not decline the Pension proposed for him, on any other Ground, than being now in better Circumstances, prefers waiting till it may be convenient to his Majesty, to have him with some Mark of Favor.

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