

ld, Suffolk
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July 5 1772

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E. of Suffolk
Charleston July 5. 1772.
to my brother
New July 6. 1772.

Lord Suffolk, tho' always reluctant to give
Your Majesty Trouble, cannot refrain from
expressing how much he is vexed to have
been absent when the material Intelligence
relative to Sweden was received. He finds
that copies of Vergennes's & de Arignani's
Letters have been sent to Sr John Goodricke;
But wont conceal from Your Majesty that
he does not see the absolute necessity for
this

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This Proceeding. The Story lay in a narrow
compass, & might have been accurately
related without risking the Discovery of so
important a channel of Intelligence.
But he is assured that it is not the first
time that Sr. John Goodrick has been thus
confidentially treated; and therefore cannot
suppose that any ill consequences will follow
what has been done in this instance. It was
certainly necessary that Your Majesty's Envoy
at

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at Stockholm should have early & complete
information of such an Enterprise - Lord
Suffolk cannot help thinking it a very extravagant
one, tho' it seems as if the King of
Sweden did not act without concert with
France, however suddenly his Plans
came upon the French Ambassador.

Charleton

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Lord Suffolk, On receiving the very authentic account of an
intended attempt to change the Constitution of Sweden by some
desperate measure, I thought it highly necessary to transmit it
instantly to You with directions that if You had left London
it should be carried to Lord Rochford; he unfortunately has
sent Copies of the two Letters instead of putting their contents
into another form; there is a letter of Bergennes which confirms
the former one, but states that the stroke will not be struck
till the middle of this month, I therefore hope Sir John
Goodricke will be apprized in time; least the same
imprudence should be repeated on this occasion, I have wrote
directions to Mr. Edens that the contents must only be sent
to Sir John, not a Copy of the Letter.

New July 6th 1712.