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Lord Suffolk presumes to trouble Your Majesty with a few Lines in consequence of a communication he has received on his return this evening, of some part of what has passed between Lord Rochford & Lord North &c on the Ohio Report. But he does it with the utmost Diffidence, & if he should seem to be guilty of any impertinent Interference, he implorcs Your Majesty to attribute his conduct to the sole motive which actuates it, namely that of wishing this disagreeable affair (which he had no conception could have ever become serious) may terminate in the best manner for your Majesty's own personal

personal ease & Satisfaction, & for your
Majesty's Government. He feels no other
Warmth than this on the occasion: And
if his having been accidentally absent, & of
course a good deal out of the scrape, and
not being (as he hopes) ill with any of the
parties concerned, can give him the least
chance of being able to accomodate matters
between any of them, he is ready to devote
himself to your Majesty's commands in
any shape without considering trouble or
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fatigue of any kind, however fruitful it may
prove, & however well convinced he may be
of the general Prudence in avoiding to get
into Disputes which Accident may have kept
one out of. In the mean time he cannot
refrain from most humbly expressing a
wish that no farther Steps may be taken
in this Business before Your Majesty has
had a conversation with Lord North, & learn'd
from himself his real intentions & ideas.
The not having a chance of seeing Your
Majesty

Majesty alone tomorrow induces L. Suffolk
to take this liberty: He is so much struck
with what he has just heard has passed on
the subject, that he could not be easy
without unbosoming himself confidentially
(if he may dare to use the expression) to
Your Majesty; and on this principle, & your Majesty's
goodness he relies for pardon.

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