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Dear Uncle

I am not surpris'd that things would
not be settled so as that the Secretary of
State & the Treasury could kiss hands
this day; when you come in the evening
I hope to hear that Lord Rockingham has
talk'd over the matter of the Parliament
with the Chancellor & that some
expedient has been found to make
Mr. Yorke easy on the subject of Dr. Hays
for I look on my service in the Law
as but on a very weak foundation if
a Man of Mr. Yorke's great worth &
capacity is not in office, I beg therefore
that all those who are coming into Ministry
may be convinc'd of the necessity of some

inclination being shown to him that may
still gain him; for I repeat it again if
M^{rs} Grenville, Townshend & D. George
Pekwith should oppose in the House
of Commons Administration would not
go on there pleasantly unless M^r Yorke
was hearty in their cause; I am ashamed
at having given way so long to myself
in spinning out this letter beyond the
bounds I intended but Yorke is so
essential to this new Administration
that I could not refrain, therefore
conclude

Richard Lodge

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Dear Uncle
Yours most affectionate
Nephew
George S.

E. of Egmont
Turnham Green July 7.th
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Sire

I cannot express to your Majesty the Uneasiness I have felt from the Moment I left your Majesty at the Queens House. I dread a numerous Train of unhappy Consequences which I think must follow should Mr. Yorke persist in his Refusal to Accept.

To avert these Evils if possible, as the last Effort on my Part, I have framed a Letter, under a flying Seal, which, if your Majesty should think it proper, may be closed, and dispatched (with Directions to say it was sent from me) by some Person not known to be your Majestys Servant.

I beg Leave to submit to your Majesty if the Letter should be approved, whether it should not be delivered to Mr. Yorke very early to Morrow Morning: Since I am much deceived, if it is not now as much desired by some, that he should be taken at his word, as it was very lately wishd by the same Persons that he should reassume his Employment.

Your Majesty will I hope graciously pardon this Presumption, proceeding as it does from that fervent Zeal, and true attachment, with which

I am and shall for ever remain

Sire

Your Majestys most Dutifull and
most Faithfull Subject and Servant

Egmont

Turnham Green
7. July 1765.
35. min. past 11. p. m.

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