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This morning I received the enclosed ~~with~~ letter from  
Ed. Southampton, on which I appointed him to be at  
St. James's when I returned from the House of Peers  
He then delivered to me the letter from the D. of Wake  
all I collected farther from him was that the idea is that  
I will for explanation and retrenchments more as a  
mode of obtaining engaging to pay ~~the~~ the Debts.  
that there are many who think it not be honourable to  
explain; that Ed. Southampton has reason to believe  
they have not been incurred for Political purposes;  
that Ed. Halifax the idea of going a bond is now  
resolved on; that perhaps the Champion of the  
Opposition has been consulted on the letter now  
sent. I therefore once more send all that has  
passed to Mr. Pitt and hope to have in the course  
of tomorrow from him what answer ought be  
sent to this extraordinary Quisitor <sup>what</sup> though respectful  
in terms ~~to~~ in direct defiance of My Lord's Correspondence  
I suppose Mr. Pitt will choose to consult the Chancellor <sup>of the Exchequer</sup> P.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*