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Mr Fox called in Stanhope Street
about five in the evening, not
finding me at home, left a message
with the Porter, desiring, that I would
honour him, (as the message expressed),
with a few moments conversation
either this evening, or tomorrow
morning. I was convinced that
the only business that could have
brought him; was relative to A.B.H.
possibly some message from him.
This decided me to go to Brooks's club
about nine o'clock, where I found
him. He immediately desired me
to withdraw into another room,
and having informed me that his
business was concerning the Prince
of Wales's resolution of going abroad
immediately, which he had learnt from
a quarter in such a decisive manner,
that it gave him great Alarm, as he
thought A.B.H. going upon the footing
he proposed and without the King's
consent the worst of all possible things.
I therefore had leave to inform him

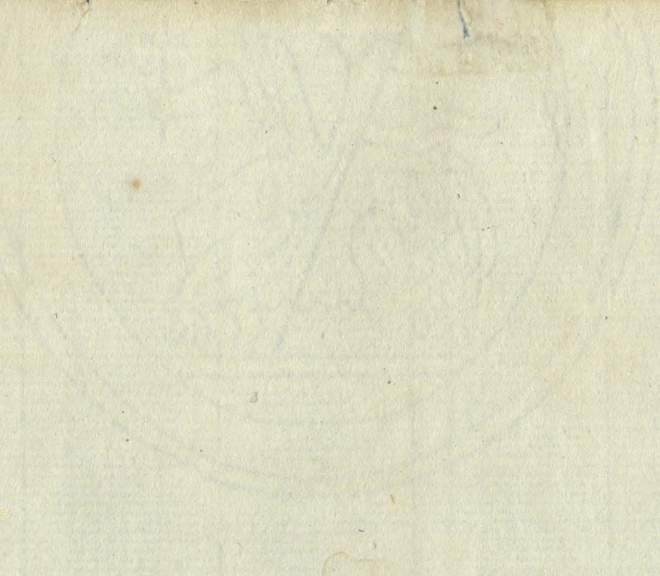
that it was impossible for me to
 have met him, or to talk to him,
 without acquainting him that I must
 let H. M. know that I had seen him
 & conversed upon the Subject of his
 B. H. and if the H should call upon
 me he must understand that I was
 at full Liberty without any reproach
 to inform H. M. of the full Error of
 Mr Fox's conversation; to this he readily
 assented and proceeded to state his
 thorough disapprobation of the resolu:
 tion the Prince had taken ~~but~~ as a
 general principle; bad for himself,
 bad as it was offensive to the H
 bad as it could not be the Means of
 extricating H. M. from his present
 difficulties, & might involve him
 in greater. He said that H. B. H.
 had shown him the last letter, he
 had received from H. M. but not
 his answer to it, therefore he could
 not Judge in what light he stood
 relative to any pretensions to have
 his debts paid, or any Expectations. See 16495

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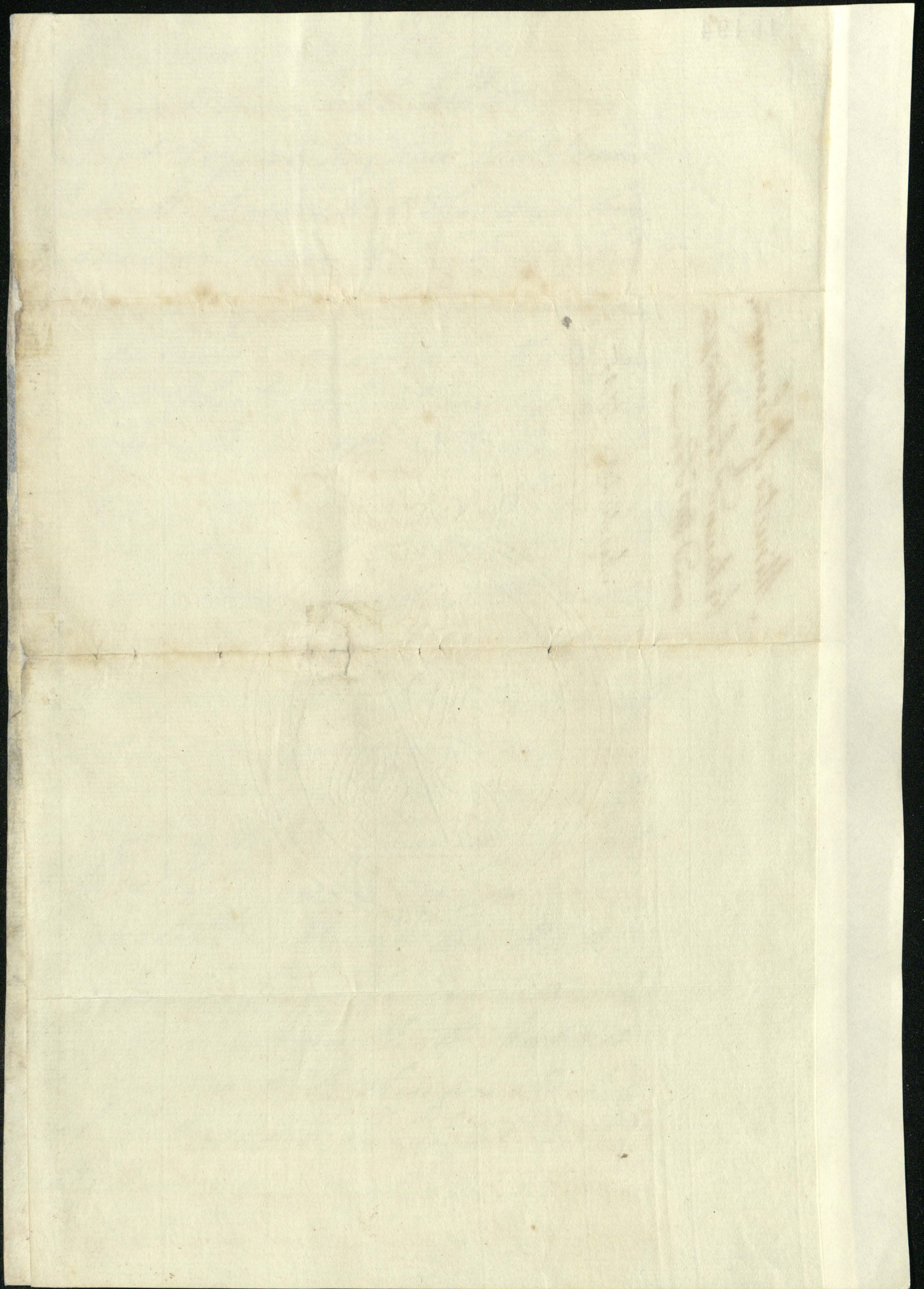
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between Jonathan
and Mr Fox —

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he might have of a future prospect
of having them settled. I put
to Mr Fox's mind the Sh - last letter
did not look like an inclination
to pay Mr H debts. I asked if Mr H.
had consulted him upon the answer,
he said not, nor did he know
what it contained, I asked if he had
seen the letter Mr H. received from
the Sh - prior to the last, he said
he had not, I told him I was sorry
for it, because in my opinion
that would have shown to a
man his understanding the
impropriety of the judgment he
had given upon the last letter.
his answer was that Mr H was
very apt in his statements to keep
back parts of a case, that did not
exactly make for the opinion he
wished to receive. He next observed
that until this moment he was
not at all apprehensive of Mr H.
venturing to leave the King down;
that during the last summer he
rather thought Mr H wished
to settle it, than do it. That in

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 to himself, what ever A. H.
 might think of him, & however
 well he was convinced himself
 that the Kth would not give him
 a moment's credit for what he
 professed; No Man saw more
 strongly the Mischief of the Kth
 & Prince of Wales being at Doggers
 Drawn; it lowered the Country,
 it lowered the Royal Family, it
 gave Foreign Countries hopes of
 seeing this sinking Nation further
 distracted by party & divisions;
 That as a Party Man he could not
 wish it; That A. H. honored him
 with his Friendship & good opinion
 which was very flattering to him
 but that he did not live with them.

That he thought Means might
 be found to reduce A. H. Expenses
 the present income made to answer
 every purpose of splendor & comfort
 that the Prince could desire.

That he wished A. H. could know
 whether his debt would be paid

or that there was any prospect
 of seeing them in a quiet

the clamors of the tradesmen,
 and more particularly if he could
 find out whether the Sh would
 give his consent to M^r H. going
 abroad, in any case. To both of
 these I answered that I hoped for
 the one, & could not conceive the
 other possible taking in, the whole
 of the circumstances attending
 the Foreign Project, to which he
 said, that he knew well what
 I alluded to, & that he had warned
 M^r H. of the powers of the Family
 Marriage Act, & of the clauses in the
 Act of Settlement; that he looked
 upon all that History, to be like all
 those of the same Nature, not to
 be reason'd upon, too foolish to
 suppose even a Man of Sense
 to know what he meant; He had
 warned M^r H. from going to Paris
 M^r Fox concluded by saying that
 the reports made to him of M^r H.
 resolutions were too serious, & that
 he was going to morrow to
 New market, where he would

endeavour to persuade H. B. H.
not to go abroad, at least until
he should have received an
answer from H. B. to his last
Letter, & know in ~~the~~ ^{his} further
pleasure —

These Minutes were taken some
hours after the Conversation
passed, are meant for H. B.
inspection & ^{private} information; they
are as correct as my recollection
can make them —