

Mr. Jenkinson
Parl. Street Nov. 12. 1779.
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When I came home yesterday I found
that the Attorney General had been to
call on me; I thought it right after
dinner to return his visit & was im-
mediately let in. I found him in
very good humour; for some time our
conversation did not turn upon Politi-
cal subjects, but at last he began;
after painting in strong colours the Dif-
ficulties of the Times. He told me he
had taken two Resolutions, the one
was not to resign; the other was not
to have any personal intercourse with
Lord North; He said much against
Lord North both on publick & private
grounds. He agreed that it would not
be right to do any thing to destroy

or make any change in the present Government like there was a prospect of substituting a better in its place founded on the same principles; but as there is a great Regulator, I could observe that he thought this not so difficult as some might imagine. He told me he had seen the Chancellor, with whom he had had some conversation, & who had said that he did not know whether Lord Grey would resign or not, as he had not had any talk with him upon it, but that he was of opinion that he ought not; I conceive that much more has passed between them, & I think they are well together. He told me he had seen Lord Grey, & I found they had had a great deal of conversation together; he

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endeavour'd to justify Lord Howe in the
step he had taken; but I remember the
added that Lord Weymouth would not have
the same ground for Renegation; This, I con-
fess, I did not understand; but it con-
vinced me that the Attorney did not
wish for Lord Weymouth's Renegation or
a change of Government in the present
Moment. I begin however to think that
there is a Plot forming to get wholly
rid of Lord North; How many are as yet
concern'd in this, I will not presume to say;
but it is probable that some of great Con-
sideration in your Majesty's Government in-
cline to this, & at various times, they will
declare themselves. The Conference which
your Majesty will have with the French
will possibly throw some Light
on

on this, especially if your Majesty should
think proper to urge Him to a full Dis-
closure of His opinions. Though the
Attorney is ambitious & prettily yet he
is, I think, good humoured & plausible & might
I am persuaded be induced to take an active
part in support of your Majesty's Go-
vernment by means of the Chancellor.
He did not drop a word to me of what
Lord North approached so much viz his
intention to call on His Lordship to make
good His promise of recommending Him to
the Office of Chief Justice, & I do not be-
lieve that of Himself He will ever take
that Step. I conclude also from some
things He said, that Lord Gower is not
satisfied

satisfied with Lord Cardigan's acceptance
of the Office of First Lord of Trade, though
he did not choose to express it or to
prevent his accepting.

I thought it better to
write all this to your Majesty than to
come to Court & have an Audience, which
might create suspicion; & ^{as} my Gold is
rather worse, I must go into the Country
as soon as I have done my Business
at my Office.

I have left my Name
at the Chancellor's door, but think it
best not to call on him again, as he
sends for me, which will, I think,
probably happen; & if your Majesty
has in this case any Instructions to
give

give as to the Conduct & Conversation, I
should hold. I will most faithfully obey
them.

From your Majesty's

Dutiful Subject

C. Robinson

Perthshire
Nov^r 4th 10 o'Clock