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I owe it to my own feelings as well as to the Public, to  
try to persuade Lord Weymouth not to fly from Public  
business at an hour of difficulty, and at a time when the  
most desperate Opposition that ever stood forth is using  
every means to force itself into power, and is willing to  
betray every National object. I do not mean to combat  
Lord Weymouth's dislike of so Executive an Office  
as that of Secretary of State, which I believe is greatly  
increased by a diffidence of the possibility of the  
present Ministers carrying on any longer the Public  
business, therefore I shall not press him on that head,  
but surely the same objection cannot lie against the  
Presidency of the Council; this never was looked upon  
as so responsible a situation, yet it would remove  
the appearance of any concert with the Lord Powers, and  
would greatly alleviate my own mind. May he will  
with composure weigh the whole and try whether  
his ~~affiliations~~ attachments to me will not overbalance the  
prospect of entirely retiring from my service.

I should hope Lord Weymouth will view the letters to the Lords, summoning  
the attendance of the opening of the debate as a matter of course, and will therefore

order them to be prepared.

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