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I am happy to find that Mr Robert
Keiths Dispatches have met with your
Majestys entire approbation. They are
indeed very able and carry strong Proofs
of his Talents and Zeal. But your Majestys
Observation is unanswerable, that he asks
for that Information which his own
Reasonings upon the present State of
Europe shew that it is impossible to
give him. an Immediate alliance
between Great Britain and Austria cannot
I think be expected under the present
Circumstances, and I should much

do not doubt whether it would be advantageous
to either. The Point which in my poor
opinion is to be laboured on and which I
meant principally to recommend to Sr R.
Keith is to take every opportunity of
re-establishing ^{such} a confidence between the
two Courts as may make Austria
whilst she remains the Nominal ally of
Prussia, the real friend of Great Britain
from a conviction that it is upon the
preservation of the Power and essential
Rights of this Country that much of
Her own future Greatness and
Prosperity must necessarily depend.
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Majesty Sr R. Keiths Private Letter tho it is
upon a delicate subject and one that I
should wish to avoid. It is equally my
Duty to say that this used to be a very
sore place with the Emperor. and that
he frequently complained of a peculiar
Harshness of style and Manner in a way
that shew'd it affected him exceedingly.

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Ad. Hornor

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