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Lord Sandwich did himself the honour to send the enclosed dispatches to the Queens House at nine o'clock, but hearing that your Majesty was gone to Windsor & would not be back till three, he took the liberty to desire that the box might be returned, that he might make use of the interval to copy Captain Henerys letter for this nights Gazette, which has accordingly been done.

By a letter Lord Sandwich received last night from L^d Mulgrave it appears that L^d Bristol is very dangerously ill.

The Captain Pakenham who had the honour of being presented to your Majesty on Friday is not brother to L^d Longford, tho' he bears the same name.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]