

C. J. Fox to B. R. H.

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Sir

I am just returned from Lord
Pembroke with whom I have had a long
but a general & loose conversation. The
result of what passed is that, while he is in
the habit of consulting with the present
Ministers as he is now obliged to do, He does
not think it fit for him to enter into any
thing like negotiation with any other Persons.
However he is very open in declaring that he
has no further connection with them than
that which arises from the accident of the
moment, and upon the whole it is my
opinion that it is his present intention to
treat with us as soon as that connection is
dissolved. Upon the subject of the Regency
I should rather gather from his conversation

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that he will be right; but this is all conjecture on my part, and I have often known him so governed by humour that perhaps even if we were to know for certain his present thoughts, we might still be mistaken as to his future actions. What I am quite clear of is that it is now best to let the matter rest where it is and when your Royal Highness has the power, to make such offers as may be thought advisable.

From all I have heard as well from Lord Chancellor as others I am convinced there will be no attempt at another adjournment and that the only possible alternative besides the right measure is a temporary Regency limited in powers but not by Counsellors. Whether your Royal Highness would accept of such an offer is a mere question of Dignity

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because either by accepting or rejecting it
your Royal Highness would be equally sure
of enjoying the situation that belongs to you
in a few weeks. In short, Sir, every thing
appears to me as favourable as possible unless
any Physicians can be found to falsify in
the grossest manner the state of his Majesty's
health, and even in that case the Delusion
must be very short and the measures to be
taken by Ministers very embarrassing indeed.

I believe I need not mention that
what passed between Lord Chancellor & me
is in confidence, and that I said I should
mention it to your Royal Highness only.

I am with the sincerest attachment,

Sir,

your dutiful servant

St. James's Street
20' Clock

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Mr Fox to Mr
Dunne on his
return to England