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Dear Sir,

The Prince's Friends, and all those who are truly attached to the Royal Family, are not a little elated with the accounts they receive of the good understanding which subsists between the King and his Royal Highness; which they hope will in due time produce consequences of a very serious nature to those who have too long governed, or rather trampled upon the Country: and as a majority of the present House of Commons, are attached to the Crown, rather than to the minister, were it once understood that his Majesty was not at bottom adverse to a change, motions might soon be brought forward, which would do Mr Pitt's business most effectually.

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But it will be in vain to make them, unless some public proof were given, of the King's regard for, and confidence in, the Prince. It would be very desirable therefore, were the ensuing Christmas distinguished, by some striking mark of the Royal Favour to any of the Prince's friends; creating, for instance, Lord Fitzwilliam, Marquis of Rockingham, or investing the Duke of Norfolk with the Blue Ribbon. The effect that such circumstances would have in parliament, and with the public at large, would be very great indeed. Nations hostile to the Minister, would then come with a degree of force, which could not easily be resisted.

Excuse this hint, and if it strikes you in the same important light it does me, it may be worth while

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of a plan, which might bring about the
dismission of the present minister, before
a new parliament is chosen: a matter,
in many points of view, of the most
essential consequence. Whatever the
state of the things health may be, at
this moment, few lives, past 50, are
worth seven years purchase, consequently
the next parliament may witness the
accession of a new sovereign. If such
an event were to take place, it would
be not a little unpleasant for the
Prince to meet a House of Commons,
a majority of whom were elected under
Pitt's auspices. In that case it might be
more difficult to obtain a proper Civil
List and Whereas by following a regular
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system of attacking administration during
the ensuing sessions, with such a favour-
: rable circumstance to make use of, as
the creation of a new Marquis of Rocking-
: ham, in the person of Lord Fitzwilliam
it would not be difficult to drive the
minister from the helm before
midsummer, and to have a new Parlia-
: ment chosen, attached to parties, and
to principles, to which his Royal High-
: ness would have no objection.

If any thing favourable is
likely to occur before the meeting of
parliament, will you have the goodness
to drop me a line, and believe me
with great regard

Your very faithful
humble servant

Edinburgh
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John Sinclair