

Ld. Stourmont

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St James July 10th 1796
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I thought it necessary to delay the
messenger till I could give yr Majesty
an account of a conference with Mons^r
Simolin whom I have just seen by
appointment. He allowed me to assist
my memory by taking a copy of ~~what~~
he read to me. My answer was
very polite but short, that it
must be sensible that I could
make no reply without taking
yr Majesty's pleasure. So his zeal
assurances of the Royal Majesty's
friendship I answered in the
same

same General Terms.

It will be highly necessary to assemble
a Cabinet to frame the prospect of
an answer to be submitted to your
Majesty. I hope to get one on Wednesday
next.

The answer to Mr J. Foster's private
letter cannot be drawn till I have
seen Mr North: before I rec^d yr
Majesty's commands I was aware
of the impossibility of giving such
a man as this Montague rank
in the army.

The Emperor's ordonnance was not
believed to me Ministerially. Yours

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