

Philip Francis to C. Jenkinson Esq.

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Harley Street. 21. Dec^r. 1781.

Sir.

In the Appendix to the first Report of the Secret Committee, N^o 18, I have very lately seen a Letter addressed to you by Sir Eyre Coote, by which I think myself greatly injured. It has been laid before the King, and it is now printed and published. The View, with which the Letter was written, is too plain to be mistaken.

I do not mean to undervalue Sir Eyre Coote's Merit and Services, whatever they may be; but I cannot consent, that his Character should be exalted at the Expence of mine. There have been Times, when I had the good Fortune
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to stand high in his Opinion. I am not acquainted
with his Reasons for departing from it; but,
since an Accusation of me, preferred by so
respectable an Accuser as Sir Eyre Coote, has
appeared before the King, I hope I shall
not be thought irregular in requesting, that
You will do me the Honour to lay my
Defence, contained in the inclosed Paper,
at His Majesty's Feet.

May I also request that You will
be pleased to accompany it with a most
humble and dutiful Assurance on my
Part, that Nothing less than a deep Concern,
at seeing my Conduct misrepresented to my

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Sovereign, could have induced me to solicit
 one Moment of His Majesty's Attention to
 a Subject so little worthy of it.

I have the Honour to be, with great
 Truth and Respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient
 humble Servant
 Francis.

Right Honble Charles Jenkinson Esq
 His Majesty's Secretary at War
 &c. &c. &c.

London Decr 21. 1791

Mr. Francis & Mr.
Emberson.
