

John Robertson to Chas. Jenkinson
Enclosure

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Most Private

My Dear Sir

St James Square
20th March 1782
30/11/82

I did not write to you last night because I waited until near 10^o expecting Lord North might call but he did not. Since I had the pleasure of seeing you I find that the Chancellor had a long conversation yesterday afternoon on the Woolsack with Lord Shelburne, Mr. Fox watching them all the time. Lord Shelburne did not talk of Measures, but declined saying any thing, except personally to His Majesty, nor could he bro't to move from that Ground, so that the Conversation was totally ineffectual to any good purpose. The Chancellor will have wrote it last Night or will report it to day, and

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Night— Many Gentlemen think that we should not fight the Battle to Day, that everything may be lost by it, and nothing can be gained, for that with small Majorities if we even have them, altho many think we shall not, but that we shall be beat, it is impossible to carry thro the taxes & public Business. Mr Grosvenor on the part of some of the Country Gents says so, others of them hold the same Language and indeed I am very sorry to say that this Language is held so openly by too many, that it must add to our Weakness and I fear create more Rats— We have I fear lost the following of our last Numbers, that are gone out of town, what more may desert us God only y^e know

Mr Amcotts	gone out of town	} Con's gone out of town } } that we know of— } } Hungerford } } Dunning } } Parry } } Pr ^o . sh ^d } } hoped may be } } got to Day } } for Tom Gordon } } for John Eden } } Mr Vernon }
Mr Cecil	gone out of town	
Mr Fonnoreau	gone out of town	
Mr George Pitt	gone out of town	
Mr Geo	gone out of town	

20th Nov. 1702

Mr Robinson

Recd at 9 A.M.

Mr Rigby & the Advocate, think we should
move an adjournment to Day for three Weeks
in order to give time for His Majesty to arrange
a New Ministry, for they apprehend if Opposition
should carry it by force to night, it might bring
on every insult and create disturbances which
must produce the greatest Confusion — The
above contains the purpose of all I have learn'd
since our last conversation, a few Hours
must produce great Events — God send they may
be better than the prospect appears at present
for they are lamentable but despondency & despair
is not the Way to surmount Misfortunes — I am ever most
truly & most faithfully Yr^s Yours John Robinson