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St. James's Tuesday Night March. 1782

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In a conversation I had this afternoon with the
chancellor I took the liberty of mentioning to him
that your Majesty might possibly be pleased to see
him tomorrow morning at the Queen's House at St
James's before the Lord. I presumed to do this
as I imagined that this audience might probably
be a long one. Now for he will give this opinion
on any subjects on which your Majesty does
not expressly call for it I cannot pretend to
judge, but I am confident from the manner
in which he spoke to me that upon every
point on which your Majesty thinks proper
to ask his sentiments he will lay them before
you without the least disguise, and with
the most ardent zeal for your Majesty's service
and most anxious solicitude to lessen an
evil which in the present most alarming
crisis

crisis does not admit of a cure.

I find that every Endeavour has been used to discover from Him if Your Majesty had given any opinion upon the four Points, and that He framed His answers with great Caution and Propriety. as it is evident that Their Purpose is to draw advantage from insisting upon Points which they have contrived to make popular for the Moment and wish to have it thought that these have been resisted by Your Majesty I am strongly confirmed in the opinion I hazarded yesterday that No use should be made of the Paper with which Your Majesty trusted me yesterday and this opinion coincides not only with the Chancellors but with that of another Person whose sentiments I ventured to ask upon this occasion.