

A. M. to Duke of Montagu

4553

Duke of Montagu, Your heart which is ever affectionate
must I am certain feel for my situation at an hour
when not only all my Ministers except the Chancellor
and most of my Court except Yourself, Lord Bolingbroke
and the Chamber in their different branches are
also swayed, the agitation of my mind you may
discover by the badness of my writing. What I
have to communicate is that the whole party have
refused to accept and in short will rather see
the Country in a flame than not restore the
late Lieutenants of Wilts and East York
to those County Honours. You know how
I love Lord Ryeholm, I trust he will feel
that this goes to my soul; I have wrote him
my distress, but I trust it will not make him
quit the Laurio family as he must see how
I am used do not let him add to my distress
I must own Lord Shelburne has done all he would
to prevent the change in the County of Wilts but
without effect.

George O.

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