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Sir

The Frigate, which is to carry Sir Guy Carleton, has not been ready, which has made me defer troubling your Majesty with his Letter of Instructions till your Majesty's return to Town.

Lord Howe accepts the command of the Fleet in terms of great Duty to your Majesty, which I will have the honour to explain to your Majesty more particularly.

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I am mortified, notwithstanding I
have taken all the pains possible, that
I have not been able to get the arrange-
-ment clos'd this day, as I promis'd
your Majesty, in consequence of Lord
Rockingham's promise to me. But
some of his Friends are still ab-
-sent, others undecided. I hope how-
-ever it will be entirely clos'd on Fry-
-day. I have written to Lord De-
Ferrers to attend at St. James's this
day, but have not yet been able to
be inform'd from the Office, whether
the Crown is for him to keep home

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I at the Levee or receive the Staff in
that the Closet.

It is my Duty to apprise your
Majesty that Lord Rockingham will
probably attempt an explanation
upon his want of Power in this ar-
-rangement, or at least his appre-
-hension of a want of it in future.

I have endeavour'd to tranquillize
his mind, in a friendly visit, which
he paid me till late last night, by
assuring him, that nothing would
make me so unhappy, as to see
the Union of your Majesty's Governmen

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which your Majesty has given such ample means of establishing, interrupted by squabbles about Places, which must finally disgust both your Majesty and the Publick.

I have the Honour and Happiness to be with the highest Respect

Your Majesty's
Dutyfull Subject
and Devoted Servant

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Wednesday
3^d April 1702
5th past 11 a.m.