

H. H. to hd. Chancellor

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Windsor April 5th 1782.

My Lord, I stated to you shortly on Thursday that the M^{rs} of
Rockingham had been with me that Morning wanting to get all
Patronage into his hands to the exclusion of Mr. Shelburne; not
satisfied with the lengths he had gone he came after you left
me and began the subject again. I said I would see how I
could accommodate them both, when Mr. Shelburne was
with me he expressed an uneasiness that I should yield to the
importunities of Mr. Rockingham which would reduce him
to a Secretary of State acting under the former instead of a
Colleague; he pressed me at the same time to state something
on Paper as the only means of finally concluding ^{this} that I fear
is the real object of an English Madam. Ministers, ~~the~~
~~being his wish~~ and adding that he found the Marguis
did not exactly remember what passed in conversation
that therefore a Paper once drawn up would be a hint to
act upon and save me from continual importunities on this
subject. I have therefore drawn up the enclosed rough
draft which I have been my object to render equally
civil to both ^{and to leave the parties disengaged to themselves} ~~and~~
~~to be~~ ^{or additions} ~~you would coolly examine it and~~
make any alterations that you may think likely to answer
the purpose and send it tomorrow morning to the Queen's
House, ~~I shall be in town about 10 o'clock tomorrow that I may see Mr. Shelburne~~
~~and see Mr. Shelburne tomorrow on the subject.~~

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