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When the King found Himself necessitated to form a new Administration, He resolv'd to place it on a broad basis, as most conduicible to heal the Divisions that distract the Kingdom, as well as most creditable to Himself; this was the Plan, which the Earl of Shelburne was expected to set forward; but to cement the Administration more, the King resolv'd to make the bottom wider. It is for that purpose, He is earnest to assure the Marquis of Rockingham and the Earl of Shelburne that He will receive the Advice of both severally with great Attention, but certainly with the more if it meets with the concurrence of the other, and He flatters Himself Persons like the above Noblemen, who have accepted Offices only from a view of being serviceable to their Country at a perilous time, can have no other wish than to recommend the best and ablest Men on all Occasions, and consequently must rejoice at being oblig'd to consult together, as the means most conduicible of having such Vacancies filled up to the Advantage of the State.

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