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Ld. Shelburne

Apr. 12 1782

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Sir

I had written yesterday morning to your Majesty to desire the Honor of attending your Majesty, to receive your further Instructions upon the business of this day's Cabinet, but finding your Majesty gone to Bed, and finding myself confirmed

in the opinion, which had been  
the result of the best consideration  
I could give the Subject, after weighing  
the State of things, and every  
consequence which might take  
place, that it is impossible for  
this matter to proceed so rapidly,  
as not to give your Majesty ample  
time for consideration even upon

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the first step, I thought it best  
for many reasons not to trouble  
your Majesty yesterday. I have  
now only to assure your Majesty  
that this matter has dwelt upon  
my mind since you first comman-  
ded me to consider it, & that it shall  
continue to have every honest at-  
tention. Your Majesty will find  
that I have omitted nothing, con-  
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with propriety to your Majesty or  
safely to your Affairs, nor will I  
make use of the power of communica-  
-tion your Majesty allows me, no  
more than of any other, you are  
pleas'd to confide to me, except  
I find it absolutely necessary for  
your Service. I Trust in your Ma-  
-jesty's firmness, that such occa-  
-sional Irritations will not se-  
-riously affect your Health, which

is of so much consequence to your  
Peoples and very dear to

Your Majesty's  
Duty full Subject  
and Faith full  
Servant

12<sup>th</sup> April 1702  
1/2 past 10.

Shelburne

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Includ'd in the Message prepar'd  
by

Lord Ashburton and approv'd by  
the Chancellor. The words dotted  
under I believe will be prudent  
to change, and in their room to  
insert must ever be, as general  
words which will leave least  
room for cavilling. I will  
take care to attend your Majesty  
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gave me a proper opportunity of  
approving your Majesty of the  
business things take in the cabinet.  
In the mean time if Lord Roch-  
ingham prepares upon your Ma-  
jesty, I would submit it to you,  
whether it would be improper  
to insist upon time to speak to the  
chamberlain and myself upon the  
matter of Fact.

E. J. M. M. M.  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1782.

10.30 a.m.