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Lord Shelburne having wished to be apprised of what might arise
in the Court this day, as it might afford him some light as to the
conduct he might hold towards the persons concerned, ^{on the latter death} ~~it is possible~~
~~to be conveyed except~~ that the D. of Richmond on being told
that Lord Shelburne having been offered the Treasury in March
had declined to accommodate Lord Rockingham that he thereon
naturally became entitled and as such is intitled for that Office
The Duke waved entering on the subject but said none of the
Ministers would choose to enter ^{if given any opinion} ~~into~~ the subject till they
had consulted together, that their advice ~~was~~ ^{would} certainly
must be to place the Person best qualified to conciliate
the Great Minds; that the ^{Duke's Affairs both} ~~Country~~ within and without the
Kingdom required unanimity which alone he had in view.

Mr. Fox brought the subject forward himself He seemed
much out of humour on being told the same language
~~that~~ had been ^{said} to the Duke of Richmond He avowed that
Administration would not be supported unless the first Lord of
the Treasury was one who agreed entirely in principles and
views ^{with the friends} of Lord Rockingham in which predicament
he would not reckon Lord Shelburne
Lord John Warriston was mild on being told he could not be
expected to remain under a new first Lord but that it was
wished to place him in an Office that might suit him He
seemed to take the Offer kindly but evaded rather to accept which
would probably be the case if the other remain which does not
seem probable; Gen Conway seems well inclined but wishes appearance ^{only}

may be kept with the Rockinghams wishes Mr John might
succeed Mr Shelburne as Secretary of State in which case the whole
is an arrangement not a charge.
Mr. Keppel did not get one word on the subject, it could have
been of no service.