

Draft to E. of Shelburne  
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I think it right not to send Back the Messenger without mentioning that Mr. Sheppel owned to Mr. that the D. of Richmond greatly disapproved of Mr. Fox's resignation and dissuaded him Mr. Sheppel from thinking of retiring; Mr. Fownshend reproaches the ideas of Men quitting if Measures are right because they cannot fill Offices to their wish, and owned it was the obliquity always thrown out against Mr. Rockingham and his friends that he always deny'd but could not say so now as far as regard Mr. Fox after the part he had acted this day. Mr. Shelburne if he can keep the D. of Richmond is right but he must not at the same time throw himself into his power

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