

H. H. to Ld. Shelburne

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New July 11. 1782. <sup>on</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> pt 7. L. H.

The Chancellor's declining to answer for the Ld. Advocate and the opinion given by Mr. Andrews that makes the line I have to take on the present occasion very obvious. Ld. Shelburne has my full authority to offer the Treasurership of the Navy to the Ld. Advocate, and to assure Him that if He will come to Town and accept it, He shall at the same time have His Office of Clerk of the Signet secured to Him for life. Mr. Barré's Appointment to the Pay Office should be notified this day and his Writ moved.

The enclosed papers Ld. Shelburne left yesterday in my hands, the one from Sir Geo. Saville may be fine Metaphysical Reasoning, I am the avowed Enemy of that ingenious nonsense, therefore no judge of its supposed merits; but Common sense tells me that if unconditional Independence is granted, we cannot ever expect any understanding with America, for then we have given up the whole and have nothing to give for what we want from thence. Independence is certainly an unpleasant gift at best, but then it must be, for such conditions of Peace as may justify it. Ld. Camden yesterday said to Me that under the present Act He thought any Minister would wish his Head that advised granting Independence but as the boon for Peace.

Ld. Chandon may have an Audience tomorrow as he wishes it, He seems much pleased with the H. of Prussia's personal Attention to Him.

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L. O. P. 1880  
Buckley Square July 11. 12. A. M.  
my name the Aug. 16. 17. 18. 19.