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The Lord Chancellor, offering his most humble Duty to Your Majesty, and takes leave to mention, that, according to what The Lord Chancellor had the Honour to intimate to Your Majesty, was their Intention, Mr Pitt and The Lord Chancellor, before they sent a Letter to Lord Moria, waited a few Days, in order to see what would be the effect of His Royal Highness the Prince's Communication of their Letters to The Earl. They were the rather indeed so to do, because it was strongly expected that The Earl would be in Town.

The Chancellor understood that Lord Moria, in answer to His Royal Highness's ^{desire}, that a paper, which the Earl had drawn up before he left Town, might be communicated to

to Mr Pitt. His Royal Highness not having been pleased
to communicate that paper, Mr Pitt some days ago sent
a Messenger to The Earl in Scotland, with a Letter stating
for necessity that the Earl should come to Town, and your
Majesty's gracious Pleasure upon that Subject. The Earl
therefore, he supposes, may very soon be expected in Town.

The Chancellor has Reason to believe that
Lord Nova has expressed his Opinion that what has
been ^{proposed} on your Majesty's Part is consistent with the
Communications, which have passed between The Earl, Mr
Pitt and The Lord Chancellor. The Chancellor cannot but
hope that the gracious Temper and Judgement, which
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Your Majesty has continued to manifest throughout this delicate and important Business, most being it to the Conclusion to be wisest for.

The Lord Chancellor, understanding that Your Majesty is likely to hold a Council in a few Days in Town, when he humbly requests Permission to pay his Respects, and offer his most humble Duty to Your Majesty in Person, has taken Leave to entertain the Hope that Your Majesty will be pleas'd to pardon him for adopting this Mode of making the present Communication.

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