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B. 1783. 4. 1783. 8. H. A. A.

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Sir

I found a note from Mons^r Rayneval on my return from your Majesty, which determin'd me to stay in Town for the purpose of seeing him, and such members of the Cabinet as were in town, in consequence of what pass'd with the Duke of

Richmond.

I have the satisfaction to recognize
 your Majesty from the style of
 Mons^r De Vergennes Letter part of
 which M. de Rayneval read to
 me, and still more from his ap-
 pearance and manner, that there
 does not appear the smallest
 doubt of the Sincerity and good
 dispositions of the French King
 and His Minister. Lord Chancellors

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Mr. Townsend Mr. Pitt and Lord
from whom are all clearly of o-
of opinion, that this great object is
no longer to be trifled with, but
that final orders should be sent
to Mr. Fisher, as soon as
the French courier returns. I
have no apprehension of Gene-
ral Conway's giving any mate-
rial difficulty, as he was very
reasonable in a conversation

which I had with him upon
leaving your Majesty. Neither
the Duke of Grafton nor Lord
Cremden are in Town. I will make
it my business to see them as
soon as they arrive.

I have the honour to be
with the highest Respect

Berkley Square
4th Jan^y 1703
10 o'clock A.M.

Your Majesty's
Dutiful Subject
The Duke