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(For A.M.'s reply See above)

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Sir

All negotiation between Mr Pitt & Mr Fox is broke off by an absolute Refusal on the part of the latter; alledging no reason, except, what could only be mention'd in a Room, that neither he nor those he acted with would into no consideration either of Men

or of measures separate from that
of the Minister, and accordingly
there was scarcely another word
said. I am confident this Inci-
dent may be improv'd much to
the advantage of your Majesty's
present and future Government,
if other descriptions of Men will
give the opposite principles fair
play by a disinterested plain
conduct. They will ensure

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that their personal consideration, and
lay the foundation of a strong
Government in whatever hands
Your Majesty chooses in a short
time to place it. No Endeavour
shall be wanting on my part
to dispose Men to each other.

I have the honour to be
with the highest Respect

Your Majesty's
Duty full Subject
Shelburne

I am not in the least surprised at Mr. Pitt's interview with Mr. Fox having ended
as abruptly as the hastiness and impoliteness of the latter naturally led me to expect.
I shall certainly not object to any other quarters Lord Shelburne may with the advice
of Mr. Pitt chuse to sound; but I must insist that Lord Shelburne's remaining in his present
situation be the basis of any plan that may be prepared for my inspection; by the
clear instruction Lord Shelburne must feel himself at liberty to act as he may find
it necessary, and I can trust his own sentiments are too much exalted to think
of supplicating any party; but that whoever he treats with must be expected to see
obliged for any offer that is made.

Ducun's House

Feb. 11th 1783.
20th St. G. A. M.

By Lord Shelburne
at St. G.
my answer returned to Mr. Fox Feb. 11th 1783.
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