H. M. to Ld. Shelburne

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Lord Shelburne's letter containing the sentiments of the gentlemen in high Office in the House of Commons on the unnatural and factious Coalition of adverse Parties to my Present Ministry ~~in that House~~ gives me real concern but after the event of last night it doesnot surprize me. Had my immediate presence been necessary I should have instantly set out for Town but as I think it better for Ld. Shelburne to have seen all the effective Cabinet Counsellors before he speaks fully to me, consequently my presence cannot be necessary till Monday. Ld. Shelburne has my consent to communicate ~~to~~ the Board and any others he thinks proper on this subject. Mr. Pitt and Mr. Townshend may state what they have to say on Monday on this unpleasant subject, as also the D. of Rutland. the Chancellor and Ld. Camden ought also to come and state what occurs to them but till I have seen all the Cabinet I shall not think of turning my thoughts to any mode of seeing what can be done; I am again from necessity left to extricate myself, to the assistance of Providence and the rectitude of my intentions I can alone hope for success of one thing alone I can answer, that no consideration shall make me ~~throw~~ throw myself into the hand of any Party; it must be a coalition of the best of all not a narrow line that can prevent Anarchy. G.R.