

Duke of Marlborough
& A. A's reply

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Your Majesty's late condescension emboldens
The Duke of Marlborough to trespass once more on Your
Majesty's Time. He has felt himself much distressed, lest
Your Majesty should have thought him unmindful of
the Command laid upon him in Your Majesty's Letter
of the 29th of Decem^r. last. He had the honour to state to
Your Majesty at the time, that though he felt himself
most zealously attached to Your Majesty's Person & Service,
yet he did not know in what manner it could be in his
power to serve Your Majesty effectually. He has found it

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impracticable in the present posture of things to obey Your Majesty's Commands to their full extent. He begs leave nevertheless to assure Your Majesty, that his Friends & some of their Friends are cordially disposed not only to check violent Measures, but to use their best Endeavours to promote a moderate Spirit in these turbulent Times. And the Duke of Marlborough is persuaded, that amongst those, who from circumstances of Party, or Connection are seen to oppose the Measures of Your Majesty's present Ministry, there are many, who are warily attached to Your Majesty. And although the Duke of Marlborough can not help thinking

that in the present State of things, it would contribute to the Ease of Your Majesty's Mind, & to the Strength of Government, that the Fermentation now subsisting should be brought to some Crisis, yet he must assure Your Majesty in justice to himself, that the Motion made by one of his Brothers yesterday in the House of Commons was agreed to in a hurry by L. Charles Spencer himself, when it was proposed to him, & earnestly requested of him by some of Your Majesty's late servants. And this in a great measure proceeded from L. Charles Spencer's ignorance of Your Majesty's late gracious Communication of your wishes to the Duke of Marlborough, and which the Duke of Marlborough had not yet

The Duke of Marlborough's stating his ignorance of Mr. Charles Spencer's intention of moving; the Resolutions of last night I look upon as a fresh mark of his Attachment; but I should have done great injustice either to his head or heart, if I could have harboured such an opinion. So strong a measure can have none but the promoters of it, as it must open the eyes of all moderate Men as to their intentions.

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thought himself at liberty to disclose to his Brother
The Duke of Marlborough mispleases Your Majesty's Forgiveness, if anything should have dropped from his Pen, which may not be perfectly pleasing to your Majesty, flattering himself; if that should be the case, that your Majesty will impute the Faults to his Head, and not to his Heart.

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