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Great George Street
Monday afternoon
April 29th 1765

29. April 1765.
Lord Halifax

Lord Halifax dutifully acquaints his Majesty that nothing was said on Lord Halifax's bringing in the Regency Bill, which was read for the first Time, and moved to be read a second Time tomorrow. Nothing passed on the Delivery of his Majesty's Message afterwards, which seem'd to be very unexpected, but howev'r unacceptable to the House, and the Audience, which was very numerous. Lord Halifax thought it his Duty to say a few Words in Explanation of it to the House, but it should not be fully understood, and that it might not be mis-interpreted by any one. Not a Word ^{more} was said on his Majesty's ^{message} which seem'd to be received with the Defiance and approbation it so highly deserves. At 4.

Business was over, a Debate arose on the
Privilege Bill, which by a Motion of Lord
Lybenton's some Days ^{ago} ought to have been under
the Consideration of a Committee this Day;
but Lord Temple desirous that nothing might
for a moment break in upon their solemn &
ⁱⁿ interrupted application to the Particulars
of the Regency Bill, (much of which Time
between the Hours of Debate today & tomorrow
his Lordship very unnecessarily threw away
in a very tedious speech) moved that the
Commitment of the Privilege Bill might be
put off till Monday. his Lordship's Motion
was amended by Lord Heymouth & Suffolk
who proposed that instead of the Words
Monday next, the Words this Day Two
Months might be inserted. — on which a
short Debate ensued, tho' there were many
Speakers, whose names were as follow. Those who
spoke for the putting off the Committee

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For Two months are marked with For, those who wished to have it on Monday next are marked with against.

Earl Temple — against
 Earl of Pomfret — for
 Lord Lyttelton — against
 Lord Weymouth — for
 Earl of Suffolk — for
 Earl Delaware — for
 D. of Newcastle — against
 D. of Richmond — against
 Lord Mansfield — against
 D. of Bedford — for

The Duke of Richmond expressed himself adverse to some Particulars of the Privilege Bill, from what he had heard it, & rather thought he should be against it, but he thought it ought to be committed. — Lord Mansfield, who proved many Improperities, and Absurdities in a Bill, still thought it ought to be committed, for that it might possibly be made a good Bill, tho'

a bad one in its present shape.

Lord Halifax recollects nothing more worthy
his Majesty's notice, excepting that the old
Duke of Newcastle, who thinking it necessary
to say something, told the House that too
much uninterrupted attention could not be given
to a Bill of the high Importance the Regency
Bill is, a Bill not only of the most serious
Consequence, but the most extraordinary of
the sort that had ever appeared, in as much
as the Person of y^e Regent is not named.

Lord Halifax said to his Friends about him,
The Cat is now out of the Bag; and his
Grace's Friends seem'd hurt at his Suggestion.

The Divisions of For or Contents on the Division

Stood thus —	For 61	—	against 52
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The Regency Bill Lord Halifax thinks proper to
acquaint his Lordship will be read a second Time
tomorrow. — When he concludes such opposition,
if any, that is intended to be made, will appear.