Mr Pitt
Downing Street Jan. 5th 1798

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that on the adjourned Debate on the Bill for the Assessed Taxes, the Bill was opposed by Mr Hobhouse, Mr Jekyll, Mr Sheridan and Mr Fox and supported by Mr Adams, Mr Lefevre, Mr Perceval (who distinguished himself by a most spirited and masterly speech) Mr Dundas, Mr Wilberforce and Mr Pitt. A motion

to postpone the third Reading was rejected on a division, by 204 to 75; and the Motion that it should be now read a third Time was carried on a second division by 198 to 71. – The further Consideration was deferred to this day (it being between four and five in the Morning) in order to receive some trifling Amendments, but it was understood that no further Opposition will be made to the Bill's passing.

Windsor Castle. Jan 5th 1798. 5 A.M.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty — 5th Jan.y 1798.

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying before your Majesty the Minutes of a Court Martial held on the Lexmen of your Majesty's Ship the Trompe for Mutiny; and is concerned to feel it his Duty humbly to submit to your Majesty that the Sentence should be carried into immediate Execution, the Case appearing a very strong one, & the President of the Court Martial having repeated in a private Letter that there were no Mitigating Circumstances belonging to it.

Admiralty. 5 Jan: 1798

Duke of Portland

Jan. 7 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave in addition to the private Letter he has ventured to offer to Your Majesty's consideration a private Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland containing his reasons for persuading to submit to Your Majesty an humble hope that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to confer the honor of a Baronetage of this Kingdom upon Sir Charles Talbot

Talbot, whom Your Majesty was pleased to raise to that dignity in Your Kingdom of Ireland in the year 1790, or to empower the Lord Lieutenant to signify to Sir Charles Talbot Your Majesty's gracious intentions of considering him in the first promotion of that description which Your Majesty may think fit to make. The Duke of Portland will not incur the guilt of bespeaking upon Your Majesty by any attempt to support the Lord Lieutenant's Representation to Your Majesty. but the Duke of Portland with

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Duke of Portland

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great humility, conceives that Your Majesty may not disapprove
his taking the liberty of suggesting to Your Majesty that Revenue
is but too obviously the motive of the hardiness of Deregal con
duct in the present instance — Her great object is to have her
Father recommended to Your Majesty for a Bishopprick, in which
as she has now failed for the second time, & as, from the reserve
which, the Duke of Portland knows, the Lord Lieutenant entertains
of his Duty to Your Majesty it is very probable that he has

received

Duke of Portland

such an answer from the Lord Lieutenant as leaves her no hope of success, it will not appear unreasonable to Your Majesty to attribute her endeavours to the cause which the Duke of Portland has neglected to assign for it —

The Lord Lieutenant anxiety for the good of a Government in which he changed Mr Pelham, prevails upon the Duke of Portland to take this opportunity of laying before Your Majesty a most humble Representation on the part of the Lord Lieutenant on from of

of the Gentleman who in conformity to the practice of his Ancestors
calls himself Lord Hermare; who to all the loyalty & other
patriotic & private virtues which eminently distinguished his Father
adds great activity & energy, & such unremitting attention to Your
Majesty's service as to have preserved the whole County of Kerry, one
of the least civilized, & where the Roman Catholick Religion
predominates to as great a degree as in any part of that Kingdom,
from any taint of disaffection or symptom of disturbance — for
this most meritorious & exemplary conduct of Lord Hermares, the
Lord

Lord Lieutenant feels it a matter of Duty to submit his humble opinion to Your Majesty that it would lead most specially to promote the interests of Your Majesty's Government, & highly & equally gratify Your Majesty's Irish & Catholick Subjects of that Kingdom if Your Majesty would be pleased to confer on Lord Fermanagh the dignity of the Peerage — At the same time however that the Lord Lieutenant presumes to state that he ~~[illegible]~~ ventured to take this step by the high sense he has of the personal & secondary claims of Lord Fermanagh to some mark of Your Majesty's

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sanction & approbation, he feels that he is called upon in justice
to Lord Lismore to declare to Your Majesty that this representation
in his favour is not made at the instance of that Gentleman, &
would have been probably, though reluctantly, withheld for some time
longer, had he not been urged by The Earl of Westmeath as
to take Your Majesty's Commands for the accomplishment of
an Assurance of a Peerage to Lady Fenech which that Earl
considered himself empowered to give Her in the course of
His Administration in Ireland. And as that Peerage though

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given certainly in the first instance to a Protestant, was notwithstanding designed for the benefit & as a Reward for a particular service which had been rendered by his Son who was & is a Roman Catholick & who was to be the next in the undertaken of the intended Title, the Lord Lieutenant feels that in consideration of the many eminent & uniform services of Lord Kenmare & his Father, he can not consistently with his Duty to Your Majesty, be the instrument of conveying such a mark of Your Majesty's favour on a person of the Roman Catholick persuasion without laying this his

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his most humble request in favor of Lord Fermanagh at Your
Majestys Feet & supplicating with the utmost deference but
with an earnestness which nothing but a sense of his Duty
could prompt him to express, that a Peerage may not be
conferred upon a Roman Catholick & withheld from Lord
Fermanagh without material injury to Your Majestys
Service —

as the Duke of Portland conceives the case now submitted

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to Your Majesty to be hitherto unprecedented, He is willing to flatter himself that it will appear to Your Majesty that in laying it before Your Majesty in writing He has adopted the mode which is most agreeable to Your Majesty & most consonant to the form which His Duty to Your Majesty required him to observe —

Burlington House
Sunday night 7 Jan.y 1798 —

Mr Pitt
Downing Street Jan 8th 1798

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Downing Street
Friday Jan 8th 1798

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that on the Motion for the House to go into the Committee for the further Consideration of Your Majesty's Message, it was opposed again on the same Grounds as before by Mr Grey, Mr Sheridan, Mr Tierney and Mr W. Smith, and supported by Mr Dundas, Mr Windham and Mr Grant.

The Motion was carried for the Speaker leaving the Chair by 149 to 24, but at so late an hour, as to make it necessary to report a Progress, after which the further Proceeding was fixed for Monday.

Draft to Lord Loughborough
Windsor Jan.y 9.th 1798.

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The Paper drawn up on the 2.d of this Month by the Lord Chancellor so ably considers the unhappy subject of the Prince of Wales's dislike of the Princess of Wales, and his mode of putting forced constructions on ill advised expressions she may have used to ground the supposition that she is desirous of a separation, meets with my thorough approbation, and had I not previously thought him the most proper person to employ in this delicate business, I certainly should now have put it into his hands;

I therefore authorize the Lord Chancellor to express to the Prince of Wales the impossibility of my consenting to any public separation between him and the Princess of Wales, as incompatible with the Religion, Laws, and Government of my Kingdom; secondly to effect a reconciliation of the present differences between the Prince and Princess, and persuade them to live on terms at least of reciprocal Respect, however their intercourse may be unhappily limited, and thirdly ~~therefore~~ to establish Rules which ~~that~~ may prevent mutual irritation in future, and prevent the repetition of Appeals to Me

Windsor Jan.y 9.th 1798.

G.R.

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Nov 2 1798

The Order of the Day being read for the 2d Reading of the Assessed Taxes Bill, and for the Lords to be summoned, the Bill was accordingly read a Second time.

Upon the Question being put that the said Bill be committed:

It was Moved by Lord Grenville, That the Unanimous Address of Both Houses of the 10th of November last to His Majesty be read:

For the Commitment.	Against it.
1. Lord Grenville.	3. Lord Holland.
2. Lord Carrington.	6. Duke of Bedford.
4. Earl of Liverpool.	9. Lord Thurlow: for the Principle but against the Provisions.
5. Lord Auckland.	11. Lord Thurlow to explain.
7. Earl of Liverpool to explain	12. Lord Holland to explain.
8. Lord Hay.	13. Duke of Bedford to explain.
10. Lord Grenville.	
14. Lord Grenville to explain.	

On the Question put

Tellers

Lord Auckland Content 50. Proxies 23 Total 73

Lord Holland Not Content 6 Proxies 0 — 6

Resolved in The Affirmative.

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Die Martis 9° Januarij 1798.

Lords Present

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— Gloucester.
Dus Loughborough Cancell.
Co. Chatham Pres

Dux Bridgwater.
Portland.
+ Bedford.

Mar Bute.

Co. Fauconberg.
Liverpool.
Peterborough.
Fitzwilliam
Cowper.
Strange.
Hardwicke.
Spencer.
Grosvenor.
Scarborough.
Westmo Pas d.
Bathurst.
Chesterfield.
Cardigan.
Sandwich
Harrington.
Leicester.
Sussex.
+ Oxford & Mort.

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Napier.
Walsingham
Minto.
Torphichen.
Fife
+ Holland.
Carrington.
Auckland.
Gwydir
Ray.
Boyle
Selsey
Amherst.
Doug. of Lock
+ Thurlow.
Boringdon.
Willoughby de Br
Perth.
Le Despencer
Glastonbury.
Onslow & Cranley
Heathfield.
+ King.
Ducie.
Tonsonby.

+ Vic Maynard.
Sydney.
Hampden.

Mr. Pitt
Downing Street Jan. 10. 1798

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Downing Street.
Wednesday Jan 10th 1798
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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to submit the proposed Message to the two Houses, and the accompanying Warrants for Your Majesty's Royal Signature.

Wm. Pitt

Jan. 11 1798

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Mr Pitt has been honoured with Your Majesty's Commands, which he lost no time in communicating to Lord Grenville. They both concur in a clear Opinion of the Propriety of leaving nothing untried which can afford a Prospect of improving the favourable Disposition shewn at Berlin, and if possible of laying a Foundation of a System which may comprehend the Three Great Powers

of the Continent jointly with Great Britain. A doubt however has occurred to them whether the Negotiation may not be conducted with less Obscurity and more effect thro the Channel of the Hereditary Prince Federic of Orange, and by Communication thro the Means of Mons. de Lucchesini with the Duke of Brunswic, than by

Wm. Pitt

Jan. 11 1798

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any ostensible Mission from hence, which might perhaps alarm the Caution of those to whom it is addressed. This is however only submitted on the first View of the Subject, to which they will not fail to give a more detailed Consideration, when the Dispatches connected with it can be conveniently returned by Your

Majesty. Mr Pitt has no hesitation in the mean time in saying that the Policy of engaging eventually to give a moderate Subsidy to ensure the Defence of the North of Germany appears to him unquestionable, and he trusts would be generally felt and admitted.

Cleveland Square
Thursday. Jan 11th 1798. ¾ ½ P.M.

Mr. Pitt
Cleveland Square Jan. 11. 1798

Ld. Grenville
Cleveland Row. Jan. 11. 1798
3/4 p. 2 PM

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Cleveland Row Jan. 11. 1798.
3/4 p. 2 PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to acquaint Your Majesty, that on conversing with Mr. Pitt on the general outlines of the important subjects connected with the dispatches received yesterday and this morning from the Continent, it occurred to them that the objects in view might be

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Ld Grenville
Cleveland Row. Jan. 4th 1798
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North of Germany, should produce a renewal of the War with France. Prince Frederick of Orange might be desired to follow him, as soon as it could be possible for him to reimbark for the Continent, and might be the best channel for conveying to the Court of Vienna the project of a Quadruple Alliance, supposing it agreed to at Berlin - and in this event any representations made on the subject at Petersburgh would perhaps be as effectually made by Sir Charles Whitworth, as they could by any fresh person, especially as the Court of

Berlin

Berlin would probably send some person to Petersbg for that purpose.

Lord Grenville thought that Your Majesty would excuse his breaking in upon Your Majesty with these general ideas, as it seems so very important that no time should be lost in preparing for their execution if approved by Your Majesty; and it occurred to him that possibly Your Majesty might chuse to see Prince Frederick, or might know how far circumstances, (particularly that of his health,) would be likely to allow of his undertaking such a journey. The plans in view might be explained to Prince

Frederick

Frederick here in general terms only, as, if they are approved of at Berlin, the fullest communication could be made to him there by General Stamford.

Lord Grenville has some doubts whether something might not be to be apprehended from too great eagerness & zeal on the part of Lord Minto, even supposing the objection to an ostensible Mission to be less than it has struck him.

Lord Grenville takes the liberty to send to Your Majesty the dispatches received this morning from Lord Elgin, and Sir Morton Eden, as they

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are both in some degree material.

Ld. Spencer

Jan. 12 1798

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Earl Spencer is concerned to be under the Necessity of laying before your Majesty the Proceedings of a Court Martial held at Yarmouth on the Trial of the Admiral for a very heinous Crime, and to submit to your Majesty the Propriety of adhering the Law to take its Course on the Man who has been found Guilty by the Court, as they do not appear to be any Circumstances which can recommend him to your Majesty's Mercy.

Admiralty. 12 Jan. 1798.

Earl Spencer.

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Ld. Grenville

Jan. 13 1798

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Downing Street Jan. 13. 1798.
3/4 p. 2 P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty the private letters for Your Majesty, received from Wirtemberg, by the Comte d' Wxhall, sent to announce to Your Majesty the accession of the present Duke.

Ld. Grenville

Jan. 13 1798

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Cleveland Row Jany. 13. 1798.

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Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to submit to Your Majesty his ideas of an answer to the paper from the Court of Berlin, and of a letter to M. de Luc on the same subject. He hopes Your Majesty will excuse the liberty he takes to send the latter in the

original

original, in order to avoid extending the confidence of this transaction further than is absolutely necessary. Lord Grenville proposes with Your Majesty's permission to send a Messenger tomorrow with dispatches conformable to these ideas, to Lord Elgin, & Sir Charles Whitworth, & he thinks the same Messenger might without observation pass thro' Hanover, & leave this letter there for M. de Lieu, under M. de Steinberg's cover.

Lord Grenville is to see Prince

Frederic

Ld. Grenville

Jan. 13 1798

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Frederic tomorrow morning, but he gathers from
Mr. de Nagell's conversation that the former will
think his own situation with the Court of Vienna
too delicate to allow of his undertaking such a
commission.

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Lord Grenville,

Cleveland Row. 13. Jan.y 1790

Ld. Grenville

Jan. 12 1798

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Cleveland Row Jany. 14. 1798.
N. PM.

Lord Grenville has been honoured with Your Majesty's command. He has in consequence of them made some alterations in the Memoire to be transmitted through the Duke of Brunswick, and in the dispatch to Lord Elgin he has stated the sum of One Million, as that which Your Majesty's

Servants

Servants deemed admissible as the amount of Subsidy, supposing other points satisfactorily arranged. He was apprehensive that some inconvenience might arise from engaging immediately for that particular sum, without some previous explanation on the points connected with the subject.

Lord Grenville will take care that Your Majesty's letter to M. de Steinberg shall be sent by the Messenger.

By a letter which Lord Grenville

Ld. Grenville

Jan. 12 1798

8746

Grenville received this morning from M. de Nagell he perceives that Prince Frederick of Orange does not wish to undertake the business which had been proposed to him.

Lord Grenville.

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Cleveland Row 11: Jan: 1790

Wm. Pitt

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Mr Pitt feels considerable Reluctance in troubling Your Majesty, on a Subject on which he is not sure that Your Majesty will think him justified in doing so. But what he wishes humbly to submit to Your Majesty appears to him in every View too important to withhold. The Disposition at the present Moment to great and vigorous Exertion in the Public Defence is very prevalent, and Nothing can be more

essential to this Object that the Success of the Measure of voluntary Contribution, both as an important Resource in itself and as most likely generally to reconcile men's Minds to the Measure lately adopted.

On this Idea many of Your Majesty's Servants and Others zealous in the Cause have thought it right to contribute a Proportion of their Income much beyond the Amount of their Proportion to the new Assessment. – It is however the universal

Hw. Pitt

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Opinion, as far as Mr Pitt has the means of judging, that the Ardor and Enthusiasm which would give this Measure its full Effect will not be produced, unless Your Majesty should condescend to let some Example be set in Your Majesty's Name. To what Amount Your Majesty might think proper to carry the Sum, if Your should be graciously pleased to entertain the General Idea, Mr Pitt cannot presume

to guess. He ventures however to submit
to Your Majesty, and trusts He shall be
forgiven for the Freedom with which he
does so, that the great Object at such
a moment, must be to shew that Your
Majesty has at least as little Hesitation
as any of Your Subjects, in making
any Pecuniary Sacrifice in Point connected
with Personal Gratification or Option.
He is aware How small a Proportion of

Your Majesty's Civil List Revenue comes under this Description, which in Truth applies to no Part of it but the Privy Purse. Whether there are any other Means which Your Majesty possesses or is at Liberty to apply in the same Manner Your Majesty alone can judge. Mr Pitt only takes the Liberty to add that an Impression certainly prevails on this Point, which if founded

at all is probably greatly exaggerated, and which it might be highly material to remove by some proper Mode of Explanation. In offering this humble Representation to Your Majesty, Mr Pitt feels that his only Apology is in the Circumstances which lead to it, and in the Views which He knows Your Majesty forms of them. He is persuaded that Your Majesty considers the Spirit

of the present Contest as the most important of all Earthly Objects. Penetrated with the same Opinion, He cannot but see that the Success of our Exertions must chiefly depend on exciting the Zeal of the Public, and with this View He is persuaded that Now rests on the <u>single Point</u> what he now ventures to bring under Your Majesty's Consideration, than on any other in the present State of the Country.

Mr Pitt
Holwood June 22. 1798.

Mr Pitt.

January 23. 1790

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Wimbledon. Jan 23. 1798

Mr Pitt has been honored with Your Majesty's Gracious Answer to the Suggestion which He submitted to Your Majesty yesterday. He feels very strongly the difficulties which the Circumstances stated by Your Majesty present to the Adoption of those Suggestions in as great an Extent, as might have been desireable, if practicable; and under such Circum-stances, He cannot presume to submit

to Your Majesty, without further Consider-
-tion any specific Opinion on so delicate
a Subject. But He will request Your
Majesty's Permission to submit whatever
may occur to him (on Reflection in the
Interval) when He has the honor of
attending Your Majesty tomorrow.

Lord Grenville
January 25. 1798

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Cleveland Row Jany. 25. 1798.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to return to Your Majesty the copies of two letters from Your Majesty to the King of Prussia, and to the Duke of Brunswick. The letters from M. de Luc he has given to Mr. Hammond to remain with the dispatches in the Office, unless Your Majesty should be pleased to give him any other orders on the subject.

Duke of Portland

Jan. 27 1798

8753 — 4

Although the Dispatches from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, which the Duke of Portland has now the honor of laying with all humility before Your Majesty, do not appear to contain any thing upon which it seems necessary for him to submit any observation to Your Majesty, he can not reconcile it to himself to offer to Your Majesty a Letter which appears to have been so long in his possession

respection as that which contains the recommendation of Lord Dillon to Your Majesty without in the first place imploring Your Majesty's pardon for the neglect he must appear to have been guilty of, & humbly begging leave to represent to Your Majesty that not having been in possession of that Letter until after he had paid his Duty to Your Majesty at St. James's it did not appear to him of that importance that required him to lay it before Your Majesty until he should have other papers to trouble

Your

Duke of Portland

Jan. 27 1798

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Majesty with —

The Duke of Portland is desired by the Marquis of Bute to request Your Majesty to permit the Marquis to lay at Your Majestys feet a walking stick of Cinnamon Wood the head of which is ornamented with specimens of all the precious stones which are to be found in the Island of Ceylon & which has been brought from thence by a person who is lately arrived, & that Your Majesty will be

graciously pleased to signify the time at which the Marquiss of Bute may present it to Your Majesty.—

Burlington House
Saturday night 27th Jan: 1798.

Duke of Portland
Burlington House
27 Jan 1798

Earl Spencer.
Admiralty 28th Jan.y 1790.

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before Your Majesty the Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Portsmouth on Major General Wemyss of the Marines for various Irregularities with which he was charged by the Officers of the Portsmouth Division, and humbly submits to Your Majesty the Propriety of carrying the Sentence into Execution by causing General Wemyss to be placed on Half Pay, as it evidently appears that he is totally unfit to continue in the Command of that Division.

Admiralty 28 Jan: 1798.

Wm. Pitt

Jan. 31 1798

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Mr Pitt has the mortification of finding himself prevented by a slight Indisposition from paying his Duty to Your Majesty today at St James's. He had meant to take the Liberty of submitting humbly to your Majesty the Expediency at the present Moment of marking the Sense enter-

-pained of the Duke of Norfolk's Conduct
in the Meeting held last Week at the Crown
and Anchor, by dismissing him from the
Lieutenancy of the West Riding of Yorkshire,
and he has no doubt that such a Measure
is expected by all the zealous Friends
of the Constitution, and would give

Wm. Pitt

Jan. 31 1798

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general Satisfaction. Mr Pitt cannot
help also feeling a strong Opinion,
(which is certainly not dictated by any
Personal Partiality) that considering
the Circumstance of the Lieutenancy
having been held by the late Lord
Rockingham, and the very zealous and

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Mr Pitt.
January 31. 1798

proper Conduct of Lord Fitzwilliam with respect to Constitutional Questions in this Country; ~~that~~ it might have a very useful Effect, if Your Majesty should think it fit to allow Him to succeed to the Vacancy, if it should be found that He would receive the Office properly Downing Street.

Jan 31st. 1798. ½ P. One P.M.