

Mr Pitt.

February 1. 1790

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Mr Pitt had intended, if he had not been prevented from attending your Majesty, yesterday at St James's, to have submitted to your Majesty what occurs to him with respect to the manner of filling up the Privy Seal, which he is conscious, has from different circumstances been too long delayed already, and which it seems now material to decide upon

before the end of the present Parliamentary
Recess. He therefore takes the Liberty of
laying his Ideas before your Majesty in
this mode, being anxious to know how
far what he wishes to propose would meet
with your Majesty's Approbation, before
he makes any general Communication on the
Subject to your Majesty's Confidential Servants.

It does not appear to Mr Pitt that
there is any Person now out of office, whose

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being added to the Cabinet would be attended
with any very striking Advantage; and
of those who already hold Offices, He sees
no one who could be more properly selected
than Lord Westmorland. In that Event
Your Majesty by might possibly not
disapprove of Lord Chesterfield as Master
of the Horse; and it would afford Mr
Pitt great Satisfaction if the Opening
in the Post Office could be supplied by the

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Appointment of Lord Auckland, which
would be attended with the Convenience of
relieving the Civil list from a Contingent
Pension which he now enjoys.

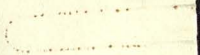
Mr Pitt did not fail to avail himself
without Delay of the Authority which Your
Majesty had been graciously pleased to
give him, by announcing Your Majesty's
Intention of applying twenty thousand
Pounds by Quarterly Installments to the
Public Service. - He confers himself in

some degree disappointed in having not yet
been enabled to acquaint your Majesty that
such Effects had been produced from the
Example as might well be expected; but
he has great Reason to believe, notwithstanding
the delay, that they will soon be seen in
the more rapid Increase of the Subscription

Towning Street.

Thursday. Feb. 1. 1798

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Duke of Portland

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Feb. 1. 1798

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay at
Your Majesty's Feet, the Duke of Norfolk's answer to
the Letter which the Duke of Portland wrote last night
to shew in obedience to your Majesty's Command, & signify
to him that your Majesty had no further occasion for his
Services

Served as Lieut. Colonel of the West-India Regiment of Yorkshires
was Colonel of the first West-India Regiment of Militia

Burlington House

Thursday, Feb. 17th 1798

25 p. 10. p. m.

The Duke of Norfolk

2nd February 1798

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February 2^d 1798

To your Majesty's pleasure to remove me from the Lieutenancy of the West Riding of the County of York & command of a Regiment, communicated to me by the Duke of Portland I implicitly bow, & do not obtrude myself to enquire the motive.

Conscious that I never was or can be capable of harbouring any sentiment but of strict Loyalty to the constitution, the government & person of your Majesty, I disdain to notice idle rumours & misstatement of Newspapers.

But least a misrepresentation of some unguarded expressions on a late occasion where nothing could be distinctly heard, should produce an unfavourable impression in the mind of my sovereign towards me, I could not so far repress my feelings ^{as} to delay until the

first publick Levee, declaring to your Majesty that my only meaning was to express a wish to support Mr Fox in his constitutional endeavours to obtain a reform in the representation of Parliament, a measure in my opinion favourable to the Stability of the constitution & your Majestys government.

Permit me therefore, Sir, to take this method of declaring in the most dutifull & respectfull manner, that your majesty has not in your dominions a person more ready to sacrifice his Life & Fortune when required for your service than

your Majesty
Dutifull Subject

Norfolk. Earl Marshal

ld. Grenville

Feb. 8 1798

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Dublin Feb. 8. 1798.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly
to submit to Your Majesty, that he has, under
Your Majesty's gracious approbation, settled with
Mr. Galbot, who was with Mr. Wickham as Secretary,
that he should immediately return to the frontiers
of Switzerland, to carry on such communications
there

then as may be necessary, in the absence of Your
Majesty's Minister. But as Mr. Talbot's residence in
Swabia might under the present circumstances be
inconvenient if the object of his Journey should transpire
here, Lord Grenville humbly recommends to Your
Majesty, that He may be appointed Your Majesty's
Secretary of Legation at Petersburg, which nomination
will give a reason for his setting out immediately
for the Continent, without any suspicion of a
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Ld. Grenville

Feb. 8 1798

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Lord Grenville
February 20. 1790

H. Pitt

Feb. 8 1798

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Mr Pitt has the honor of submitting
for your Majesty's Signature Messages to the
Two Houses respecting the Grant of the proposed
annuity to Lord Duncan, and also some
Treasury Warrants.

Downing Street.

Feb. 8th 1798.

Mr Pitt.
February 10. 1790

Carl Spencer

Admiralty - 9th Feb 1798.

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Carl Spencer has the honour to acquaint
your Majesty that Sir James Manners is
now fully prepared to make his Report on the
Case of the Prisoner convicted at the last
Admiralty Session, and humbly proposes to your
Majesty to receive his Report on Wednesday next
at Mr Jones's.

Admiralty. 9 Feb: 1798.



Duke of Portland

Feb. 10 1798

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The Duke of Portland begs leave with great humility &
satisfaction to lay before your Majesty a letter he has
received from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland by which it
appears that by the exertions ^{of the Lord Lieutenant} ~~the~~ he has made the attempt
to raise a tax on the property of Absentees will be completely
defeated, & as for the dissent & ill humor which have been
expressed

expressed upon the occasion the Duke of Portland is willing to believe that they cannot but subside upon reflection without the probability of thus producing any ill consequences & that the conduct of Your Majesty's Government on the present occasion will be the most likely means that could be taken to prevent the revival of this attempt.

As the Duke of Portland understands that it is Your Majesty's

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Feb. 10 1798

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His Majesty's pleasure to confer the Order of the Bath on
The Admiral Cope the Duke of Portland requests to have
whether it is His Majesty's pleasure that the Officers
of the Order should attend at St. James's on Wednesday
next

Whitehall Saturday 10th Feb: 1798
30 p. 5 p. m.

is willing to
bestow on them
the present
to be taken

It is your
Majesty's

Duke of Portland,
Whitehall - 10. July 1790

Duke of Portland

Feb. 11 1798

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Feb. 11. 1798

The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to lay at Your
Majesty's Feet a Letter he has received this evening from the Lord
Lieutenant of Ireland acquainting him with the death of the Earl
of Chesham which happened on the 6th instant & expressing an
anxious hope that Your Majesty may, in due time for the reasons
expressed by the Lord Lieutenant to confer the order of St
Patrick

Patrick vacant by the Earl of Cambes's death on the
Earl of Aronde

Bathurst Sunday 11th Feb: 1798
50 p. g. p. m.

Duke of Portland

Feb. 12 1798

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Feb 12. 1798

The Duke of Portland has the honor of laying before your
Majesty a dispatch which he has received this evening from the
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland respecting the conduct which it may be
advisable for your Majesty's Government to pursue in that
Kingdom for the purpose of most effectually countervailing &
defeating the treacherous designs of that desperate faction which
arise

consider to separate the two Kingdoms & to form an alliance with
the French Republicans, of the expediency & necessity & urgency of which
although there can not be any doubt, the Duke of Portland can not
~~but~~ with all brevity to Your Majesty that the measure
of assisting persons under a certainty of not being able to bring them
to justice by Trial is one which should require much more consideration
than could be given to it in one meeting before it would be right to
adopt it — the Duke of Portland ventured to add to the
Lord Lieutenant's dispatch a Letter written by his direction to Mr
May.

Duke of Portland

Feb. 12 1798

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Portland can not
the measure
able to buy them
which will incidentally
would be right to
add to the
direction to Mr
May.

which contains a short statement of the Irish Budget, & an
intimation that Mr. Ligonier will not be ^{named} forward his motion
for an Absentee Tax in an hostile, & that there is a possibility
of his not moving it at all

Buckingham Monday night

12 Feb: 1798.

The Duke of Portland
February 12. 1790

Wm. Pitt
r. Note by H. H.

Feb. 12 1798

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
Your Majesty that from a Statement which
he has recently received of the Circumstances
of Lord St Vincent, (which he is convinced
may be depended upon) He finds his Income
not more adequate to his Rank than
that of Lord Duncan. He therefore presumes
that Your Majesty will think him
entitled to a similar Provision, and He

submits to your Majesty, Repays for
that Purpose. He also takes the
Liberty of sending for your Majestys Secretary
a Warrant for a new Appointment of
Commissioners for the Tax Office which
He flatters himself with Pleas that
Boud in a Situation of great Efficiency
and Care, with scarce any additional
Expense to the Public.

Johning Hunt.
Monday. Feb. 12th. 1798.

Wm. Pitt
re. Note by H. H.

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John Trumbull
George B. Court
Charles Dering
John Farnaby
same name
Edward Meadows
Horace Keyes.

Present Commissioners

William Lowndes
same name
Edward Meadows
Horace Keyes
and George Goodenough

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Signature
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Mr Pitt.
February 12. 1790

Duke of Portland

Feb. 13 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay before Your
Majesty a draft of the official letters to the Earl Fitzwilliam
acquainting him with Your Majesty's gracious intention to appoint
him Your Majesty's Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire
& the Earl's answer. & also a dispatch from the Lord Lieutenant
of Ireland, which only contains a more detailed account of the
supply

The Duke of Portland
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supply always means proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer
of Ireland for the present year than that which the Duke of
Portland had the honor of submitting to your Majesty this morning
in the letter from Mr Cooke to Mr King —

Whitehall House
Tuesday night 13th Feb: 1798

Duke of Portland

Feb. 16 1798

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The Duke of Portland, humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty
the Warrant Your Majesty was graciously pleas'd to sign for the Creation
of Sir John Stone to be a Peer of Ireland - The Duke of Portland begs
leave to represent to Your Majesty that the Warrant he returns herewith
was added & approved by Your Majesty's Attorney General of this Kingdom
but that in consequence of the objections made to it by the Lord Chancellor

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& the Attorney General of Ireland & still persisted in by their notwith-
-standing the reasons alledged in support of it by your Majesty's Law
Officers here. The Friends of Mr John Stone at whose instance your
Majesty intended to confer the dignity of the Peerage upon him
have been with the Duke of Portland to request him to express their most
grateful sense of your Majesty's goodness & their humble hope that
your Majesty will not refuse, in consideration of the objections which
have been made in Ireland to the form of Words in which Mr Stone
is proposed, to suffer them to surrender it, & will graciously consent to
continue

Duke of Portland

Feb. 16 1798

by these returns
Registry Law
shall your
age upon the
express that most
make hope that
objections which
with the warrant
they considered to
continue

continue the favor your Majesty had intended to bestow on her,
I am here by commencing a Warrant to be prepared for that
purpose in the usual form. The Duke of Portland therefore
submits to your Majesty the original Warrant to be cancelled in case
your Majesty should be pleased to grant the petition of the said
Shore's friends.

Whitehall Sunday 16 Feb. 1798
25 p. 4. p. m.

Duke of Portland
Whitehall. 16. Feb^y 1790

Duke of Portland

Feb. 25 1798

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Feb 25, 1798

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay before Your
Majesty the dispatches which are just arrived from the Lord
Lieutenant of Ireland, of which that marked (Private) contains
an account of the Debate on the East of Kenna's motion - which
as the Duke of Portland supposes Your Majesty may have appeared
before this time; he only retains to observe that three if not
four

four of the Lords who decided in the case of ~~Henry~~
connected with him by consanguinity or marriage —

Buckingham House

Sunday ²⁴ 25th Feb: 1798
55 p. 3. p. m.

Lord Grenville
February 25 1798

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Downmore Feb. 25. 1798.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty two letters received from M. de Luc by the Hamburg Mail, and also a private letter from Lord Elgin respecting the late communications between the Courts of Vienna, and Berlin.

