

Mr. Pitt
Downing Street Dec. 3. 1798

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Downing Street

Dec^r 3 1798. - 1st 8th 1798

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
your Majesty that in the Committee of
Ways and Means, this Day, he opened
the Plan for substituting a Tax of 10 p^{ct}
on all Income (the Produce of which he
estimates at 10,000,000 £ within the Year)
in lieu of the Assessment imposed last
Session; and the Resolutions for that
purpose after some Opposition from Mr

Tierney, and a few Words from Sir
John Sinclair were agreed to without a
Division, and with great Appearance
of cordial Concurrence in the Principles
of the Plan.

Lord Grenville

Dec. 5 1798

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Cleveland Row Dec. 5. 1798

11. A.M.

Lord Grenville humbly hopes that
that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased
to excuse his attendance on Your Majesty
today, he being confined with a severe cold.
Mr. Grenville will have the honour, with
Your

with Your Majesty's permission, to take
leave of Your Majesty today, & will set
out on Monday or Tuesday next.

Lord Grenville will trouble Your
Majesty tomorrow morning with his credentials
& powers for Your Majesty's Royal signature,
and also with the Warrants for his appoint-
ments at the same rate as those of Your
Majesty's Minister at Vienna, which he hopes
Your Majesty will not disapprove.

Lord Grenville's indisposition has

Ld. Cromwell

Dec. 5 1798

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to take
will set

about your
his credentials
& signature,
his appoint.

of your
it he hopes

them has

has prevented his getting as forward as
he had wished with the drafts, but he has
no doubt of having them finished in time to
submit them to your Majesty previous to Mr.
Grenville's departure.

Lord Grenville
December 5 1790

Wm. Pitt

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Joining Sheet.

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Wednesday. Febr 5th 1798

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to offer his
Excuses for not having attended your
Majesty at St James's to day, having
thought it prudent to stay one day at
Home, in order to get rid of a cold
and Hoarseness, the Continuance of which
would just at present be very inconve-
-nient. He also takes this mode of
requesting your Majesty's Permission

to recommend Mr Weston now Prebendary
of Canterbury, to succeed to the vacant
Presidency of St Pauls, and Mr
Norris to succeed Mr Weston at Canterbury
Lord Hardwicke has long anxiously
interested himself for the former, and
Lord Spencer for the latter who was
his Tutor at Cambridge; and they
with both be much gratified, should

Wm. Pitt

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Prebendary
vacant
and Mr
of Canterbury
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former, and
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and they
should

This arrangement meet your Majesty's
Approbation.

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December 5. 1900

Duke of Portland

Dec. 10 1798

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Dec 10. 1798.

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave, for the reasons
expressed in the last paragraph but one of Lord Grenville's
Letter to lay it at your Majesty's feet in addition to the
Despatches which have been this day received from Ireland, which
contain such farther accounts of the dispositions of the English
Militia Regiment, as, the Duke of Portland hopes, will appear to
your

Your Majesty, to leave little doubt of the offer of their Services being
received by them all; & of the progress which the Lord Lieutenant
has made in soundly the opinions of the principal Persons in
Ireland upon the subject of an Union, the success of which measure,
considering the quarters from whence it is to meet with the greatest
resistance, the Duke of Portland presumes to think Your Majesty
may be of opinion that a proper degree of frankness & liberality may
effectually serve. Your Majesty will probably not be displeas'd to
know that Mr Foster the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons, & Sir
John

Duke of Portland

Dec. 10 1798

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these former being
Lord Lieutenant
of Jersey in
which manner
with the greatest
your Majesty
& liberality may
be pleased to
Command, & Sir
John

It hath been prevailed upon to wait for Lord Castlereagh's arrival
& that that may be expected in the course of tomorrow or Wednesday
at farthest.

The motives which have suggested to Lord Grenville the propriety
of writing the letter which is herewith most humbly submitted to your
Majesty, are so obvious, that the Duke of Portland can not but think
that it would be a very unbecoming presumption in him to offer any
observations upon it to your Majesty. He confines himself therefore to
the mere statement of the purport of his answer to Lord Grenville, by
which he promised Lord Grenville to lay his letter at your Majesty's
feet.

Let, & afterwards to communicate it to such of your Majesty's Council
Lords as are called to have access to the official correspondence, & he
included his note with assurances to Lord Grenville that he should be
most ready to cooperate with the common friends of the Lord Lieutenant &
of the Marquis of Buckingham in settling them to their habits of
intercourse & confidence which had heretofore prevailed between them &
which was so desirable for the interest of your Majesty's service. With
this view therefore, unless your Majesty should order it otherwise, it is the
Duke of Portland's intention to withhold from the Lord Lieutenant the
communication of Lord Grenville's Letter, which would almost necessarily
call for a reply on the part of the Lord Lieutenant, & provoke an explanation
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which might increase the difficulty of believing that the difference
which has unhappily arisen between The Lord Lansdown & The Marquis
of Buckingham is attributable only to those causes to which Lord
Grenville seems desirous to ascribe it —

Buckingham House
Monday night 10th December 1798.

Lord Grenville
Cleveland Row, 10. Dec. 1798.

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Cleveland Row Dec. 10. 1798.

11. P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly
to submit to Your Majesty the drafts of in-
structions to Mr. Grenville, who is now quite
ready to set out as soon as there shall be
any appearance or probability of a change
of wind. Lord Grenville is concerned to say
that his hopes of success are much diminished
by the last letters both from Berlin & Vienna.

Lyon December 11th 1798.

Sire

With every Sentiment of Respect and Reverence to your Royal Government and Person, I humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty, and in breath your Majesty to accept this Declaration of my Feelings, not as the ordinary Language of Ceremony or Etiquette, but as the deep and sincere Effusions of a Mind, attracted from well considered Devotion to that System of Government, of which your Majesty is happily the presiding Principle, and if I might venture to say so, of affectionate Attachment and Regard to your Royal Person, and Family.

I should not, Sire, have ventured to have obtained upon your Majesty, these, I hope, almost unrecapitulated Declarations, but that I feel myself called upon to make a solemn Appeal to your Majesty on a Subject which bears upon my Feelings and Honour, as a Man, and as a Person of some Rank and Station in the Country.

Your Majesty, descended from a long Line of glorious and illustrious Ancestry, will not be offended that another Man, of comparatively plain and humble Pretensions, should partake in a small Degree in the Feelings of his Royal Master; nor be much surpris'd that a Duke of Northumberland should entertain some Dissatisfaction at being exposed to the Delays, Uncertainty, Controversy, and Indignity of Office.

I will not venture, Sire, to obtrude upon your Majesty any further Prose.

I complain of the Conduct of your

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Duke of Northumberland

Dec. 11 1798

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Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department,
and know not where to look for Redress, but in the
Justice and Condescension of your Majesty.

In consequence of a Resolution which had been
come to on the 25th of April 1796 by the Lieutenantcy of
the County of Northumberland, I did myself the Honour
of writing to the Duke of Portland on the 1st of May last,
requesting your Majesty's Permission to resign the Situation
of your Majesty's Lieutenant for that County, and on
the 3^d of the same month His Grace returned an answer
signifying your Majesty's Assent to my Request.

For the Particulars contained in these several
Papers, I must beg leave to refer your Majesty to
the Copy of the Correspondence, which accompanies this.

Your Majesty will be pleased to take into
your gracious Consideration, the Situation in which
I have been placed from the date of the Letter
above alluded to, up to the present moment. I was
aware, Sir, that there was neither Obedience to your
Majesty, nor Duty to the Constitution under which
I live, to continue to be the ostensible Holder of
an important Office, from which your Majesty had
accepted my Removal, and for the Discharge of the
Duties of which, I had of course ceased to be
legally responsible. Under these Feelings and Impressions,
I have repeatedly written to the Duke of Portland,
as your Majesty's proper Officer in this Department,
but have had the ill Fortune to receive no distinct

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answer to any of my Applications, and to many of my Letters no answer whatever.

Permit me therefore to implore your Majesty to release me from my present ambiguous Situation, of equal Contradiction I am certain to your Royal Wishes, and the Intentions of the Constitution. I have no Desire upon the Subject, but a direct and specific Understanding of its Issue. I can resist no Command, no Wish of my Sovereign; but as my Health forbids me to pursue any Object of very active Business, so my Honour demands of me to acquiesce in so Inadignity of Office; more particularly in a Case, where I unobtrusively meant to have deserved well of my King and my Country.

I have thought it right, Sir, to lay before your Majesty the whole of the Correspondence between the Duke of Portland and myself on this Subject, which accompanies this humble Representation, in order that your Majesty may in your gracious Wisdom observe, whether any Exaggeration has obtained in this Paper respecting it.

With the warmest Zeal, and most unalterable Attachment, I have the Honour to be

Sir
Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Subject
and most devoted Servant

Northumberland.

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Received of the Honble the Secy of State
for the Colonies the sum of £1000
being the balance of the account of the
Colonial Office for the year 1791
as per the account rendered to the
Honble the Secy of State for the
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Ld. Spencer

Dec. 11 1798

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Earl Spencer proposes to have the Honour of
presenting Captain Berry to your Majesty at 1st
Jan^y, tomorrow, & proposes to submit to your
Majesty the Propriety of conferring the Honour
of Knighthood on that Officer, which would have
been conferred on him had he arrived with Lord
Alton's Dispatches, and has only been prevented
by the unfortunate Capture of the Leader in which
occasion great Praise is due to all those concerned
and therefore it might not to be the Cause of their
losing any Mark of your Majesty's Approbation to
which they might otherwise have been entitled.

Admiralty 11 Dec: 1798.

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Ld. Shewen

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Mr Pitt
Downing Street Dec. 11th 1798

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Downing Street.

Tuesday Dec 11th 1798. 9 P.M.

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
Your Majesty that a Motion was made
this day by Mr Tierney declaring the
Opinion of the House, against forming
any fresh Engagements on the Continent;
which was objected to in a Speech of
peculiar Eloquence and Force by Mr
Canning, and after a few Observations
in its Support by Mr Jekyll, and

against it by Mr W Dickenson, was
negatived without a Division.

Duke of Portland

Dec. 13 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay his
most dutiful & gratefull acknowledgements at your Majesty's
feet for your Majesty's most gracious intercession in Liberty
his name what passed in the Audience your Majesty was
pleas'd to give yesterday, to the Earl of Howe. The Earl
appears to have been sensible that the Duke of Northumberland
had

had not borne himself in such a manner as to prove his
behaviour unworthy with a proper sense of Your Majesty's
great Indulgence to him, & with that view the Earl of Arundel
seems to have submitted to Your Majesty the only circumstance
which could justify the impatience which the Duke of
Northumberland has so repeatedly, & unreservedly expressed, &
possibly in the hope of disposing Your Majesty to listen
with favour to the Duke of Northumberland. Should be presumed
to

Duke of Portland

Dec. 13 1798

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your Majesty
Earl of Thomar
only, circumstances
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expected, &
to listen
could be presumed
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request your Majesty to consider him as devoted to your
Majesty's service as his informers will permit.

The Duke of Portland begs leave with all humility, to acquaint
your Majesty that he has seen Lord Castlereagh who arrived
this afternoon, & has learnt from him that all the great
personal interests in Ireland are disposed in favor of the
Union, that the Par will probably be so divided upon it as
to prevent any serious consequences from the violence with
which

which it was first apprehended that their resistance to it would
be carried on, & that if Mr. Foster the Speaker could be
induced to refrain from taking an active part against it,
which Lord Castlereagh can not bring himself to think
impracticable, the Opposition will not have any rallying
point, & will be likely to produce little more than the
clamour which can not but be expected to arise out of
the apprehensions which such a measure must necessarily
excite in the Proprietors of Land & Houses in Dublin & the
Traders

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Traders & Shopkeepers of that City. No clear opinion has
yet been able to be formed of the part which the Merchants
of the Northern part of Ireland will take on this subject
but Lord Castlereagh is confident that no hostile declaration
to it had been made by the linen Manufacturers while
time he left Ireland, that there was ^{some} reason to believe
that the old Advocate for Parliamentary Reform ~~would not~~ ^{might}
be disinclined to consider the incorporation of their House
of Commons into the legislature of Great Britain as being

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a tendency to exasperate the state of their Representatives,
that from the aspect which the Rebellion had worn in the South
they might be disposed to look to the Union as a necessary
safeguard against the power of the Catholics (the Rebels
of whom seem inclined to consider it as but an instrument of
protection to them) & that the treatment which the Americans,
with whom the People of Ulster are very intimately connected, have
received from the French, & the total inability of that power
to give them ^{such} any assistance in their schemes of separation
themselves.

Representatives
 one in the South
 a necessary
 of the rebellion
 instrument of
 the Americans,
 by concerted
 of that power
 separately
 themselves

themselves from this Country, together with the flourishing
 state of their Trade & Manufactures have softened in a
 considerable degree their prejudices against the Government
 of this Country, & brought them at least to hear with calm
 attention without resentment or emotion. It was Lord Castlereagh's
 opinion that there was no part of Ireland not under of Dublin
 itself where the Question of Union would be now considered as
 such a Violation of the Constitution as not to be fit to be entertained
 or where the heats of it would not be disipated. & that being
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the case, The Duke of Portland hopes your Majesty will not
deem him too surpris'd in his apprehensions of its being profulge
in the course of the present Sepia

Burlington House

Thursday night 13th Dec^r 1798.

Duke of Portland
Burlington House 13th Dec^r
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Duke of Portland

Dec. 14 1798

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to acknowledge
the receipt of Your Majesty's Commands respecting the
Lieutenancy of Northumberland, & to express his most
gratefull sense of the sanction which Your Majesty has
most graciously condescended to bestow on his conduct
in that unpleasant business

Buckingham House Friday night
14 Dec: 1798

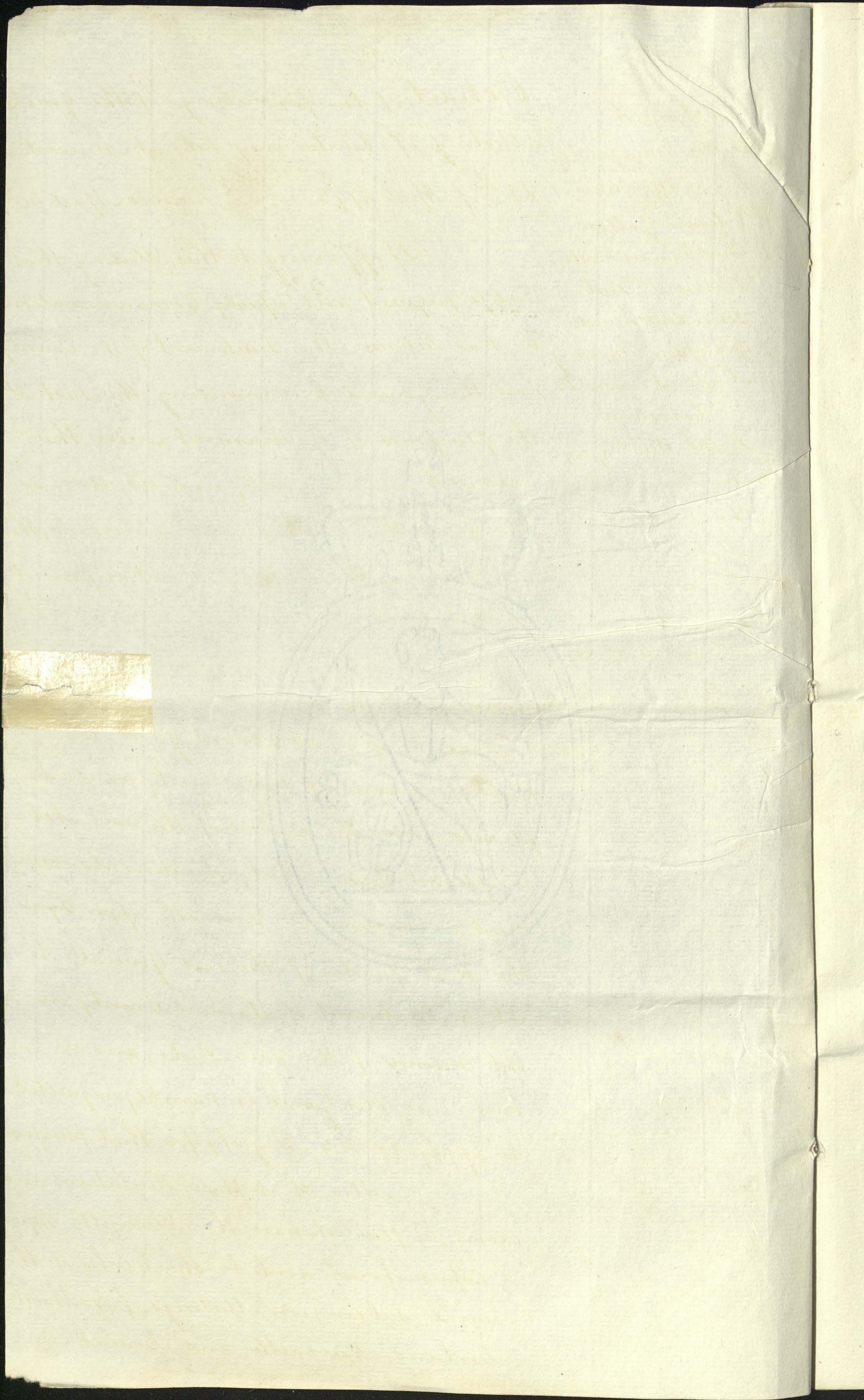
Duke of Portland,

Buckingham House

14. Dec^r 1790.

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Resolution of General Meeting of
the Mootenancy of Northumberland
& correspondence between Duke
of Northumberland & Duke of
Portland & former & Sir J. & Mrs
Scott (aft. hd. Eldon)



Present
 Walter Frencham Esq.
 in the Chair
 Edward Gallon
 Chas Francis Forster
 Horace St Paul
 John Clutterbuck
 Chas John Clavering
 A. M. Lawson De
 Baronnet
 Ralph William Grey
 Chas William Bigge
 Chas Bacon Forster
 Shafte Craster
 William Smith
 John Wilson
 Edmund Craster Esq.TM

Extract of the proceedings of the General
 Meeting of Lieutenancy held at Alnwick
 25th of April 1798. Received April 30th

It appearing to this Meeting that
 unless frequent and speedy Communication
 be had between the Lieutenant of the County
 and the General Commanding the District,
 the purposes of Government under the
 said Act will be greatly impeded, and, as
 His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, the
 Lieutenant of the County, is not at present
 resident therein.

Resolved, if His Grace finds it
 inconvenient to come into the County, that
 it would be of great advantage to the
 Publick Service, if His Majesty would be
 pleased under the powers of the said Act
 to appoint three Deputy Lieutenants, resi-
 dent in or near to Newcastle upon Tyne,
 the Head Quarters of the said General, to
 act as Lieutenant of the said County in
 the absence of the said Duke, and in
 such case His Grace is humbly requested
 to apply to His Majesty for that purpose.

Also that these Resolutions and
 Orders be published in the Newcastle Papers,
 & Copies thereof sent to the Clerks of the
 several Subdivision Meetings of Northum-
 berland, Newcastle, and Berwick.

To His Grace the Duke of Portland &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

North. House 1st May 1798.

As the Deputy Lieutenants
and Magistrates of the County of Northum-
berland at a General Meeting of the
Squirearchy held on the 25th of April, by
their Resolutions suppose, that the Absence
of His Majesty's Lieutenant will greatly
impede the purposes of Government under
the Act to enable His Majesty more effect-
ually to provide for the Defence & Security
of the Realm during the present War, and
as my present State of Health renders it
impossible for me to go down into the
County just at this time; Conscious as I
am that it is as much my Inclination, as
it is my Duty, and my Interest to contri-
bute to the utmost of my Power towards
the Defence of this Country against the
Invasion of any Foreign Enemy, I am
unwilling to hold for one Moment any
Situation, my Continuance in which, in-
stead of aiding, is supposed to impede the
necessary Measures of Government for that
purpose. I must therefore desire your Grace
to request His Majesty to accept my Resig-
nation of my Appointments as Lord
Lieutenant & Custos Rotulorum of the County
of Northumberland, and Town and County

of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne.

I must desire Your Grace at the same time to assure His Majesty that He has not a Subject in this Kingdom more firmly attached to His Royal Person, and the Constitution of the Country as established at the Revolution, than I am; and I trust that the Zeal which I have ever shewn during the Space of Forty Years that I have had the honor of serving His Majesty, and His Royal Grandfather, in their Armies, in two Wars, and in different Quarters of the Globe, will be deemed by His Majesty a more indisputable proof of the above Assertion; and of my Readiness to stand forward in Defence of my King and Country, whenever it is in my Power so to do, than any Professions which I might now make.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

From His Grace the Duke of Portland

Burlington House

My Lord

Thursday Even. 3^d May 1798.

I had yesterday the honor to lay before the King Your Grace's Letter of the 1st Instant in which You desire me to request His Majesty to accept your Resignation of your Appointments as Lord Lieutenant & Custos Rotulorum of the County

of Northumberland, and Town and County
of the Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, and to
assure His Majesty that He has not a sub-
-ject in His Kingdom, more firmly attach-
-ed, than your Grace is, to His Royal
Person and the Constitution of the Country
as established at the Revolution.

His Majesty commanded me to
signify to your Grace His Assent to your
Request, and to acquaint you with His gra-
-cious Acceptance of the Motives you assign
for the Step you desire to be permitted to take,
which I am further directed to say His
Majesty will enable you to carry into effect
as soon as He can determine upon the Choice
of a proper Person to be your Successor.

I beg leave to assure your Grace
that I very sincerely lament the Cause
which prevents your fulfilling the Duties
of the Station you hold under His Majesty
in such a Manner as to allow you to
think it becoming you to retain it, and
it will be a great Satisfaction to me if
in the Appointment of your Successor the
means should present themselves to His
Majesty of continuing to your Grace's
Posterity that mark of Confidence and
distinction which it is His Majesty's

constant Wish to confer upon Persons of such
Illustrious Descent & Fortune.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Portland.

Extract of a Letter to His Grace the Duke of
Portland dated Northumberland House May 14th 1798.

Allow me, My Lord, to remind Your
Grace of the very inconvenient and disagreeable
situation, in which I find myself placed by being
obliged to continue to transact all the Business, and
perform all the Duties of His Majesty's Lieutenant,
and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Northumber-
land, and Town and County of the Town of Newcastle
upon Tyne, altho' His Majesty was graciously pleased
to accept of my Resignation on the 2nd of this
Month. An awkward, and unpleasant Situation
from which I trust His Majesty in His great
goodness, will release me.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

To His Grace the Duke of Portland &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

June 7th 1798.

Altho' it is now the 7th of June,
and I was informed by Your Grace, in a Letter of

the 3rd of May, that His Majesty had
been graciously pleased to accept of my
Resignation of the Offices of Lord Lieutenant
& Custos Rotulorum of the County of North-
-umberland, and Town and County of the
Town of Newcastle upon Tyne, yet am I com-
-pelled in a most extraordinary, and give
me leave to say unprecedented manner, to
execute all the troublesome Duties of that
office, notwithstanding I have applied twice
to your Grace, and twice Officially to Mr.
Dundas upon the Subject; besides my pri-
-vate Letter, in answer to his private Letter
from Wimbeldon. Allow me therefore,
My Lord, for this fifth, and last time, of-
-ficially to desire your Grace to solicit
His Majesty, having so long ago accepted
my Resignation, to release me from this
most unpleasant, & awkward Situation.
A Situation, My Lord, of which I believe
the Papers in your Grace's Office, will
not afford another Instance within some
Centuries.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

From His Grace the Duke of Portland

London Saturday Even.

My Lord,

30th June 1798.

I assure Your Grace that I am extremely sorry that the Silence I have observed, notwithstanding the repeated Instances I have received from You since the 3rd of last Month & should have met with the Construction which You have put upon it. Nothing certainly was farther from my Imagination than to be wanting in attention or respect to Your Grace. But I forbear entering into any explanation of the Motives which influenced that Silence, and can have no pretension to expect that it could answer the purpose for which I should give You that trouble when I find, that the proof which has been given You, that the Sentiments and Wishes I expressed in the concluding Paragraph of the Letter I had the honor of writing to your Grace on the 3rd May, were sanctioned by the Highest Authority, has been of no avail in abating the Importunity with which You insist upon being released from the Lieutenancy of Northumberland &c, and that that Circumstance has failed in producing any disposition on the part of Your Grace to attribute the delays which have hitherto retarded the Completion of your Request to the only Causes to which they are justly imputable.

Your Grace may depend that, however

reluctantly, I will not fail to take the
earliest opportunity of reminding His Majesty
of the Representations which on the 7th Ins.^t
You desired me for the fifth and last time
to submit to His Majesty of your most
unpleasant, awkward, and, as You conceive,
unprecedented Situation.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Portland.

To His Grace the Duke of Portland &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

30th July 1798.

Your Grace in your Letter
of the 30th of last Month, in answer to
my two Letters of the 14th of May, and 7th of
June, was pleased to say, I might depend,
that however reluctantly, You would not
fail to take the earliest Opportunity of
reminding His Majesty of the Representa-
-tion which I desired You to submit to
His Majesty of my most unpleasant, awk-
-ward, and, as I conceive, unprecedented
Situation. Depending therefore on Your
Grace, and knowing from Experience that
His Majesty's great goodness of heart and
Condescension have always inclined Him

to return an Answer to such Applications, I
 have been in hourly Expectation of hearing of
 the Nomination of my Successor, and have there-
 fore reserved all the Letters, and Papers I have
 received since the Receipt of Your Grace's Letter,
 in order to deliver them over to such Successor for
 his Inspection, and Determination thereon. But
 as it is now the 30th of July without my having
 received any farther Intimation from Your Grace
 upon this Subject, and it cannot but prove greatly
 inconvenient to the Gentlemen of the County of
 Northumberland, as well as impede considerably
 the publick Affairs that there should be a total
 Stagnation to all Business for so great a length
 a time, I must once more trouble your Grace to
 entreat of you, to tell me, what I am to do in
 this (I will venture to repeat the words again),
 in my Opinion, unprecedented Situation; and
 whether, notwithstanding Your Grace tells me in
 your Letter of the 3rd of May, that His Majesty
 had commanded you to signify to me, His Assent
 to my Request, and to acquaint me with His
 gracious acceptance of the Motives I assign for
 the Step I desire to be permitted to take, which
 you are further directed to say His Majesty will
 enable me to carry into effect as soon as He can
 determine upon the Choice of a proper Person
 to be my Successor, it is really Your Grace's

Intention that I should thus continue
Month after Month, to execute this
Office, without paying any attention to
my repeated Sollicitations, intreating that
His Majesty's gracious Intentions, as men-
-tioned in Your Grace's Letter of the 3rd of
May, may be carried into effect.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland

Extract of a Letter to His Grace the Duke
of Portland, dated Syon August 15th 1798.

Your Grace must allow me to
remind you that on the 30th of June last,
you said in your Letter of that date, &
that I might depend, you would not
fail to take the earliest Opportunity of
reminding His Majesty of my Situation,
and that it is now the 15th day of August.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

Extract of a Letter to His Grace the Duke of
Portland, dated Syon Sept. 3rd 1798.

I cannot, My Lord, finish this Letter
without reminding your Grace, which I am
sorry I find it necessary to do so frequently, that
on the 30th of June last (upwards of two Months
ago) you said in your Letter of that date, that
I might depend, you would not fail to take
the earliest Opportunity of reminding His Majesty
of my Situation, and that it is now the 3rd of
September without my having heard a Syllable
more from your Grace upon this Subject, and
besides that I never yet have received any answer
to the Letter which I wrote to your Grace upon
the 30th of July last, five Weeks ago.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland

To His Grace the Duke of Portland &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

Syon Sept. 16th 1798.

Your Grace I should hope will
hardly be inclined to impute any thing like Im-
-portunity to me now for taking the Liberty of
troubling you once more on a Subject which has
already been the occasion of some Correspondence
between us.

It is now more than four Months since my Resignation of the Lieutenancy &c of Northumberland was humbly given in, thro' the Medium of your Grace, to His Majesty, & graciously accepted by Him.

I ventured to submit to your Grace, in a Letter dated the 7th of June, that it was an unprecedented Situation for any Man to stand in, to be subject for any length of time to the Duties of an Office after his Resignation of it had been accepted — Your Grace in your Answer, dated 30th of June, does not seem much inclined to agree to my Position; for your Grace concludes your Letter with saying that you will remind His Majesty of what I call my unprecedented Situation — I will not argue with your Grace, whether Separation from Office ought not to involve a Release from its Duties, or whether an admitted Retirement into private Situation, should not reasonably carry with it an Exemption from Publick Responsibility — your Grace appears to dislike an Allusion to Precedent, and I will not press it — I cannot however consent to go on farther in this

undescribed and undescribable Situation — My personal Convenience, and what operates more with me, my Publick Duty forbid it — How much of the former I should be willing & happy to sacrifice, or rather devote to His Majesty's Wishes, I hope I need not state — But when Embarrassment to myself carries with it also an Injury to the Interests, & possible Security to the Country, I must say that I feel both Verations with aggravated Effect.

In my Letter to your Grace dated the 1.st of May, I had the honor to inform you, that the Deputy Lieutenants & Magistrates of the County of Northumberland &c declare by Resolution "that the Absence of His Majesty's Lieutenant will greatly impede the purposes of Government under the Act to enable His Majesty more effectually to provide for the Defence and Security of the Realm during the present War" — After this positive, and Official Declaration, & which I had the honor of stating to your Grace so early as the 1.st of May last, & which as it remains to this hour uncontradicted & Officially from higher Authority, I am not permitted to doubt, your Grace must allow that Importunity, as you have been pleased to call it, may be not only natural in a Military Man, but perhaps laudable in a Loyal Subject, such

as I profess myself to be.

As I understand from your Grace that my Resignation has been graciously accepted by His Majesty upwards of 4 Months ago, I must hope soon to hear a Conclusion of this Business, as I should be unwilling to make the last appeal on the Subject, and yet neither can nor will endure the preposterous Ambiguity of my present Situation.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

To His Grace the Duke of Portland &c. &c. &c.

My Lord

Syon Oct. 9th 1798.

Your Grace in your Letter of the 30th of June last was pleased to make use of the following Expressions. "I assure your Grace that I am extremely sorry that the Silence I have observed, notwithstanding the repeated Instances I have received from you since the 3rd of last month should have met with the Construction which you have put upon it. Nothing certainly was farther from my Imagination than to be

wanting in attention or respect to your Grace." and your Grace goes on afterwards to say, "Your Grace may depend, that however reluctantly, I will not fail to take the earliest Opportunity of reminding His Majesty of the Representation which on the 7th Instant, you desired me for the fifth, and last time, to submit to His Majesty of your most unpleasant, awkward, and, as you conceive, unprecedented Situation.

Now, My Lord, as your Grace has indisputably had that Opportunity, when you was lately at Weymouth, it is impossible to reconcile your Grace's continued Silence to the former part of your Letter abovementioned, or indeed give me leave to say to the Rules of good breeding, but by supposing that the different Letters I have had the honor of writing to your Grace on the 30th of July, 15th of August, 3rd & 16th of the last month, and which I sent to your Grace's Office, have by some Accident never been delivered to you.

I have therefore, My Lord, determined to send this private Letter to Burlington House, in which I have enclosed a Duplicate of my last Letter to your Grace on the 16th of September; trusting, that although His Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Northumberland cannot obtain any Answer to His Official Letters from His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home

Department, the Duke of Portland will
not chuse to refuse answering this private
Letter from the Duke of Northumberland.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

From His Grace the Duke of Portland

London Thursday Noon

My Lord

11th Oct^r 1798.

I had yesterday the honor to
receiv your Grace's Letter of the 9th from
Syon — Your Grace would have heard from
me at my return from Weymouth, had
not the Attorney General, whom I had the
pleasure of meeting there, expressed a strong
inclination to be allowed to converse with
you on the Subject of the Leutenancy of
Northumberland &c before I sent an An-
-swer to the Letter you wrote to me on
the 16th of last Month. The Respect and
attachment which I know that Gentleman
bears to your Grace's Person & Family &
made me readily acquiesce in his Wishes,
and defer writing until I should be informed
of the Result of his interview with your
Grace, which I am sorry to find has been
delayed, by that delicacy which is one of the

distinguishing features of His Character, owing to
 a Circumstance with which I was unfortunately
 unacquainted until this Morning when He was
 so good as to call upon me.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Portland

From Sir John Scott

Lin: Inn Oct. 11. th 1798.

My Lord Duke

I should not presume to
 request that Your Grace would do me the Honour
 to permit me to have a Conversation with you upon
 the Subject of the Lord Lieutenancy of the County of
 Northumberland, if I did not persuade myself that
 Your Grace will feel disposed to believe that I do not
 act in this Matter but upon Motives founded in
 Regard & Respect for Your Grace and Your Family.
 If you do not think the Request improper, you will
 perhaps have the Goodness to let me know when
 I might have the Honour of attending you at
 Northumberland House, as I understand your
 Grace is occasionally in Town: if Your Grace thinks
 otherwise of it, I venture to hope however that
 you will believe it to have been well meant.

I think it my Duty to add that the
 fact of Your Grace's not having received an Answer

from the Duke of Portland to your Letter
of the 16th of September since the Council at
Weymouth I feel to be in a great Measure
attributable to my having presumed to
suggest that I had a wish to request the
Honor of seeing You upon the Subject, and
which Request I should have addressed to
Your Grace sooner but for Reasons, which,
if I have the Honour of waiting upon You,
I shall have an Opportunity of explaining
to Your Grace.

I have the honor to be

Your Grace's

Obliged & obedient Servant

(Signed) John Scott.

To Sir John Scott &c. &c. &c.

Dear Sir,

Lyons Oct^r 13th 1798.

Happy as I always
feel myself at the hopes of having the Plea-
-sure of seeing and conversing with you,
I lament extremely that an Attack of my
old Complaint now confines me to my room,
and prevents me from being able to go up
to Northumberland House. But as I find
you are just come from Weymouth, and
therefore take it for granted that the anxious
wish you express to see me upon the Sub-
-ject of the Lord Lieutenancy of the County
of Northumberland proceeds from your

having some Message to deliver to me on that
 Business from His Majesty, with whose Commands
 I am always proud and happy to be honoured, and
 which probably He might not chuse to convey thro'
 the accustomed Channel of His Secretary of State for
 the Home Department, I must desire You to take
 the trouble of coming down here, and must beg of
 you to give me a day or two's Notice, in order
 that I might take care to be disengaged at the
 time.

I have the pleasure to be with great
 regard & Esteem

Dear Sir

Your sincere Friend

& obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

I ought to make excuses for my writing, but
 it is really with great pain that I hold my Pen.

From Sir John Scott

Oct. 16th 1798.

My Lord Duke

I trouble your Grace with
 my best Thanks for the Kindness, which your Letter
 expresses towards me. I shall most readily wait
 upon your Grace at Syon any Morning you will
 name about twelve O'Clock: but I think it my
 Duty, before I do myself that Honor, to request the
 Communication of your Grace's further Pleasure upon
 this Subject, observing that you express yourself, as
 apprehending that I may have some Message to
 deliver from His Majesty upon the Subject of the

Lord Lieutenancy. I cannot presume to represent that my Anxiety upon that Subject proceeds from having such a Message to deliver. But it had occurred to me to entertain a hope that I might possibly be useful to the County of Northumberland, and the Public, by stating to your Grace what appeared to me to have a Tendency to continue the Lord Lieutenancy in your Grace's hands. I thought, judging from what I happen to know of this Matter, that what I had to state might not be unacceptable to your Grace even if it had not the effect, which I hoped & wished might follow from it, and if, your better Judgement, viewing all the Circumstances, which you may know, leads you to deny to it that effect, I ventured to believe that you would give me credit for acting from Motives of personal Regard & Respect for you & your Family.

If, after receiving this, your Grace thinks it proper to mention any Morning upon which I may wait upon you at Syon, I shall, with great Pleasure, obey your Commands. I have the honor to be

Your Grace's obliged &
Obedient humble Servant.

(Signed) John Scott.

N.B. This Letter, tho' dated the 16th, was received the 15th in the afternoon, being sent down express by a Servant.

To Sir John Scott &c. &c. &c.

Syon Oct. 16th 1798.

Sir

I beg You to accept my best Thanks for the personal good Wishes expressed to me in your Letter dated the 16th Instant.

I shall be extremely happy as an Individual Friend to see You at Syon, to discuss with You the Subject to which You allude, or any other.

At the same time I feel myself bound to add, that in a Business so exclusively & limited in its Conduct to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department and myself, it is impossible for me to allow the Introduction of any other Communication that aims at all to be Official.

The present state of my Health forbids me the Pleasure of an early Interview, as I am at this Moment confined to my Bed, but I will do myself the honor of apprizing You of the first day when I shall feel it practicable to see You.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) Northumberland

To Sir John Scott &c. &c. &c.

Syon Oct. 25th 1798

Sir

As my disorder still continues with such Violence, that it probably may be a considerable time before I am sufficiently recovered to be able to see, and converse with You upon the

me the Subject, to which I alluded, adding, that, for the Reasons stated, it was impossible for Your Grace to allow the Introduction of any Thing, that aimed at being Official. It was certainly my Wish to be honoured with a Conversation with your Grace in the Character of an Individual obliged to your Grace's Family, not proposing to introduce any Communication, that aimed at being official. I should certainly think that, if I presumed so to do, I should be wanting in respect both to your Grace, and the Secretary of State. But, having, for some Years, had the Honour of being confidentially entrusted in some Matters by your Grace's Family, though Considerations of Delicacy for some Time restrained me from proposing to converse with you upon such a Subject, as your Grace's Intentions of quitting the Lieutenancy of Northumberland, yet it did, finally, occur to me to think that, if there was a possibility that your Grace would have the Condescension to see me as an Individual Friend, and discuss with me, as such this Subject, and any Chance that such discussion would be useful, I should not have placed Confidence enough in your Grace's general Disposition towards me, if I had not ventured so far as to submit to yourself the propriety of such a Step. When I addressed my first Letter to your Grace requesting the Honour of a Conversation with you, I shaped the Request in that Form, because I was satisfied that in the

Character of an Individual Friend, "to discuss," as your Grace expresses yourself, the Subject, is the only way of dealing usefully with it, and, upon reconsidering the Matter since I received your Grace's last Letter, I feel it next to impossible to enter into Discussion in Letters, as it appeared to me to be when I first addressed your Grace upon the Subject. It did, and does appear to me, my Lord, and to my Conviction, that, if confidential Communication with me, in the Character you mention, upon the Subject was permitted, with the Freedom, & which could alone give it a Tendency to be useful, that the true point of Discussion, under all the Circumstances of the Subject, as at present known to me, would be, in what manner, attending to all Circumstances, and supposing, for the sake of discussing the Subject, and only for the sake of discussing it, that His Majesty & would be gratified, if your Grace retained the Lieutenantcy, the united Consideration of what is due to His Majesty, and of what is due to your Grace, would permit it to be retained? It is very obvious that the first Thing to be submitted to your Grace's Pleasure either, in Conversation, or by Letter, is Whether under the Permission, which your

Grace's Letter of the 16th generally gives, the dis-
 - cussion of a point, so stated, is permitted? This, I
 certainly feel, is wholly referable to your Grace's
 Pleasure, perhaps it is even too much to observe
 upon it that it has appeared to me that this would
 be not a Discussion with me, in any official way,
 upon the Point, but a Discussion by your Grace as
 an Individual Friend, as your Letter states it, with
 a Person, presuming to reason upon what might,
 or might not be expected to be officially done, and so
 presuming, if permitted, because he is anxious that
 the Sui-tanancy should be retained, where it is. This
 Consideration alone shows that I must know your
 Grace's Pleasure at least whether this point might
 be a Subject of discussion, before I proceeded to take
 the Liberty of conversing or writing. But, supposing
 that your Grace was pleased to tell me that your
 general permission in your Letter of the 16th included
 a permission to discuss this, yet I do feel the impos-
 - sibility of attempting it by Letter in a degree which
 I cannot express, attending to the Length to which
 such Discussion must go, and the Fact that there
 may be many Circumstances in the Case, as I
 intimated in a former Letter, which your Grace
 knows, that are unknown to me, which may
 suggest to your Grace many Considerations and
 Objections to what I might take the Liberty to
 represent, capable, perhaps, of being satisfactorily

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observed upon or removed, if the Circum-
stances, which furnish them, were com-
municated, and, attending to the general
difficulty, which unavoidably attaches itself
to all written Communications upon, and
discussions of a Subject, to which a great
variety of Circumstances belong, and every
one of which may be in its Nature delicate
and confidential. I have endeavoured (I
should be extremely sorry if I have done
it with more Freedom than your Grace
may excuse) to state what appears to me
to be the Point, upon which I should have
thought it my Duty to collect your Grace's
Pleasure, if I had waited upon you to
converse upon the Subject: and your Grace
will see that, before I presumed to write
upon the Subject, it would also be my
Duty to learn your Pleasure upon it. But
I fairly state to your Grace that I think
that no Letters upon the Subject can do
Justice to it: and I should be happy to
be permitted to indulge the hope that your
Grace's Indisposition may soon admit of
discussing the Subject in Conversation, if
your Grace is pleased to permit it to be
discussed. I have only to add that I should
feel that it would be useless to discuss the

Subject, as I have stated, upon the Supposition I have mentioned, if I did not myself individually believe that that Supposition, though only agreed upon as a Supposition, would be found true in Fact. Relying that Your Grace will favorably judge of my Intentions, I have the Honor to be

Your obliged & obedient Servant

(Signed) John Scott.

To Sir John Scott &c. &c. &c.

Syon Oct. 31st 1798.

Sir

As You seem to think, in your Letter of the 27th, that it will not answer the purpose You intended, if You communicate to me in writing what You wished to state to me relative to the Lord Lieutenantancy of the County of Northumberland, and as from the present State of my health it will probably be a long time before I shall be sufficiently recovered to be able to hold any Conversation with You upon that Subject, I must assure that You will no longer impede the final conclusion of this Business, which has already been protracted, I know not why, for six months, and myself kept during that time in a Situation, the preposterous Ambiguity of which is become insufferable.

I cannot however dismiss this Subject, without noticing one passage in your last Letter — "and supposing for the sake of discussing the Subject, and only for the sake of discussing it, that His

Majesty would be gratified if Your Grace
 retained the Lieutenancy" — Allow me to
 say, Sir, that upon such Occasions I think
 His Majesty's Name ought not to be trifled
 with in hypothetical Suppositions merely
 for the sake of discussion, and even if you
 had stated your Supposition as a Fact, and
 His Majesty had altered His Opinion since
 He was graciously pleased to accept my
 Resignation, the Secretary of State for the
 Home Department is the proper & regular
 Channel through which such a Circum-
 - stance must have been conveyed to me,
 before I could have allowed it to be entered
 upon as a Subject for discussion.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed.^t Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

From Sir John Scott

Nov: 2^d 1798.

My Lord

I received, last Night, ¹⁰
 Your Grace's Letter of the 31st of October,
 which necessarily precludes further mention,
 on my part, of the Subject, upon which I
 have lately had the Honour of addressing
 Your Grace.

Upon that part of Your
 Grace's Letter, which I cannot but consider

as imputing to me an improper use of His Majesty's Name, I think it a Duty to myself to say that I feel a perfect Conviction that such an Imputation cannot justly be made.

I have the honour to be

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) John Scott.

To His Grace the Duke of Portland &c. &c. &c.

Syon Nov. 29th 1798.

My Lord

I write to Your Grace once more, before I make my final Appeal to a Quarter, to which I look with the most respectfull and unequalled Confidence for Protection against personal Inconvenience, Suspense, and Indignity — Is the Duke of Northumberland to receive a plain Answer, to a plain Question, on a Subject of Official Business, from His Majesty's proper Officer, or must he apply, through some other Medium, to Majesty itself? — Your Grace's Conduct will decide this Question for me in the course of a very few days.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient Servant

(Signed) Northumberland.

From His Grace the Duke of Portland

Whitehall Monday

My Lord

3rd Dec^r 1798.

Your Grace may be assured that I will lay before the King on Wednesday next the Letter You wrote to me on the 29th of Nov^r from Syon as I have had the Honor of submitting to His Majesty every other Letter which You have written to me upon the same Subject.

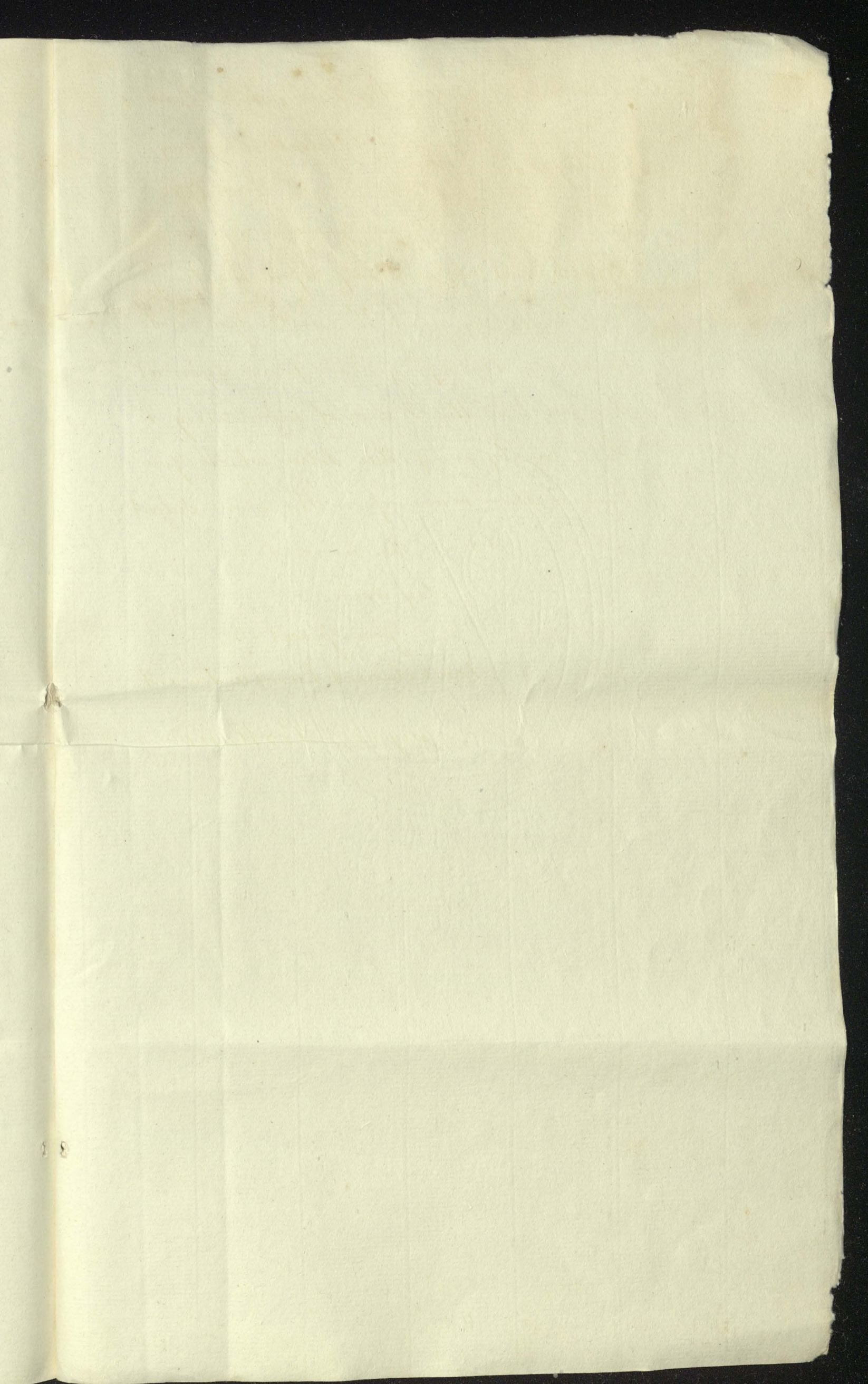
I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Grace's

Most obedient humble Servant

(Signed) Portland.



Mr Pitt
Downing Street Dec. 14. 1798

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Downing Street.

Friday Dec 14. 1798

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
Your Majesty that the Income Bill was
opposed on the Report this Day by Mr Taylor
Sir John Sinclair, Sir Francis Baring
and Mr W. Smith and supported by
Mr Lincoln, The Solicitor General
Sir W. Young, Mr Dundas, and Mr Pitt.
The Numbers in favor of the Bill
were 103, and against it, 17. The House

afterwards went into the Committee, and
after reporting a Progress, fixed Monday
for resuming the Committee.

Ld. Grenville

Dec. 12 1798

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Cleveland Row Dec. 14. 1798 ^{3/4 p. 10}
P.M.

Lord Grenville having just received the enclosed, loses not a moment in forwarding it to Your Majesty. He has not yet received anything from Mr. Smith, or from the India House, but if anything material should arrive he will have the honour to transmit it to Your Majesty by another Messenger.

Lord Grenville
Cleveland Row, 16. Dec. 1798.

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Cleveland Row Dec. 16. 1798.

Lord Grenville humbly begs leave
to submit to Your Majesty the draft of a
letter to the Duke of Brunswick which would be
very useful to Mr. Grenville, and which if Your
Majesty should be graciously pleased to transcribe
it, would still be in time to overtake him at
Yarmouth. He set off this morning.

Mr. Pitt
Downing Street Dec. 16th 1798

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Downing Street
Dec 16th 1798

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit
to your Majesty the accompanying
Warrants, which he was prevented from
laying before your Majesty on Wednesday,
and of which that for an Issue or Secret
Service could not without Inconvenience
be longer delayed.

Duke of Portland

Dec. 17. 1798

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Dec 17. 1798

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In obedience to Your Majesty's Commands the Duke of Portland
has consulted with the Pitt on the subject of the Duke of Northumberland
Letter to Your Majesty, & upon the fullest consideration they are satisfied
that it is their duty to submit, with all deference to Your Majesty's
superior Wisdom, their humble opinion that the Duke of Northumberland
does not express the sense which, Your Majesty is pleased to observe,
he feels to retain the Lordship of the County of Northumberland &c
that

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that explicit & dutifull manner, in which, independently, of the great
indulgence your Majesty has condescended to show him, it would have
become him to have testified his readiness to obey your Majestys
Commands. & that it is not for the interest of your Majestys service,
or indeed in their power, consistently, with what your Majestys Deputy
appears to them to require, to offer to your Majestys Consideration any
means which have not been already employed to bring the Duke of
Northumberland to a more exact sense of his Duty to your Majesty.
They therefore feel it incumbent upon them most humbly, to recommend it
to your Majesty not to suffer a longer time to intervene in the appointment of

Duke of Portland

Dec. 17. 1798

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it, it would have
how Majesty's
Majesty's service,
Majesty's Deputy
Majesty's Council
the Duke of
to your Majesty.
to recommend it
in the appointment
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Conspicuous to execute the office of Lieutenant of Northumberland
then is necessary, for your Majesty to make choice of proper persons
for that service. & as soon as your Majesty shall have selected
yourself in that respect, that your Majesty should order the Duke
of Portland to signify to the Duke of Northumberland that your
Majesty has released him from the Lieutenancy of that County, & has
appointed the persons, whom your Majesty will by that time have fixed
upon, to execute that office —

The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to acquaint your Majesty
that he has been informed to day, by Mr. Steele that Sir Thomas
Liddel

Liddel is ready, to obey any Commands Your Majesty may be pleased
to lay upon him, & the Duke of Portland has no doubt, but that
when he pays his duty to your Majesty on Wednesday he shall be
able to submit to your Majesty the names of a sufficient number
of other Gentlemen, to afford your Majesty a choice of fit &
respectable persons able & willing, to execute the commission of
Lieutenancy, of your Majesty's County of Northumberland.

Burlington House
Monday night 17th December 1728

Henry Dundas

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Downing Street 22^d Decr. 1798
3^h U. M.

your Majesty's very con-
descending goodness to
Mr Dundas respecting his
domestick feelings at a
late interview with which
he was honoured, can al-
one plead his apology for
presuming to ask your
Majesty to read the

enclosed letter from His
daughter now at Edinburgh
to which is subjoined
Mr Dundas's answer.

Mr. Dundas
Dundas & Co. 22, Abchurch Lane
London

Ld. Spencer

Dec 23 1798

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of congratulating your
Majesty on the complete success of the Expedition
against the Island of Minorca, an account of which
is contained in the accompanying Dispatches from the
Earl of Vincent, and it is a great additional ground
of satisfaction that this important acquisition has
been made without any loss on the part of your
Majesty's Forces.

St. James's - 23 Dec: 1798.

