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To  
The Earl of Egmont

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My Dear Lord, I beg You will come to  
me as soon as You can, that we may talk  
over what has pass'd since I saw You.  
come in your address  
20 p. 27. Feb.

Recd. from the King then at the Queens House when he lay (by me at 4. admirally)  
at half an hour after 7 o'clock on Wednesday Morning 22. May 1765 - The Duke  
of Cumberland having been with him on Tuesday Night & till one o'clock on this Wednesday  
after having spent the greater part of Tuesday after we left the Kings Closet in soundings  
The Duke of Newcastle's Friends & a second time - & very Lord Temple.

morning,

I went to Buckingham House according to this appointment - Had with the King  
above a hour - He reported to me all that the Duke had reported to him & Night before

The Duke of Cumberland had told the King that he did not make no impression upon any one  
man of the Duke of Newcastle, and confided in the Union of Lord Temple & Greenville: - and still seemed  
to think the King could not proceed to make a change under all these difficulties.

The King in great distress after this press'd me for my advice & opinion whether any thing could yet  
be done - (the Duke of C. could do being very little more after these Refusals than to protect the King  
& future he wd. ever be the King's man only) I then told him if he continued my advice  
I'd stand as these circumstances, & d. great disorders in d. City, w. & whole Army was still  
employ'd to keep from breaking out in all Parts of d. City & Suburbs) think too hazardous for him  
to risque a change, unless he could by some means or other Oppose Party to Party, not by  
Opposing one single man against all Parties, who by refusing to join his Majesty's side very  
little distant from joining all together. - or at least from contributing (w. d. a. & a. & a. & a.)  
one, and d. Neutralty of d. Rest in this Crisis wd. equally effect) to the defeat of his Majesty's  
Intentions, and d. disabling any one Person who shd. singly undertake for his Affairs - That  
Therefore - 2 things only remained to be done - 1<sup>st</sup> to make a third Trial on d. Duke  
of Newcastle's Party, by sending the Duke & offering to make him to make of his own Friends  
& such others as he shd. choose, to prepare himself an Administration of d. he shd. have  
d. Direction either in Virtue of d. first Place in it - or by appointing such other Person  
to take the Lead of it, as he shd. recommend - & as I fear d. Duke of Newcastle might  
be little & Jealous enough over to fear one, as perhaps succeed in d. Duke in his Majesty's  
favor, in this case, I desired the King to Comy the Duke, that I expressly assur'd him, I would  
fairly act with him - & take either any Place whatever in such System or be wholly  
excluded out of it, but Acty without Place at Sheerness, as I could to support him - If  
this last Overture was rejected, then to send that Night to Greenville & the present Ministers (who  
was to be with him soon after I left him) shd. that Night lay him the Terms & Conditions as they  
were to exact of him, if they continued in his Service - w. after he had received he might



seriously weigh that Night and Early of next morning — Thursday 4.23? — Longer than  
was in a distracted State of his affairs it was safe for him to keep things in suspense.  
— and possibly the Terms might be of such a Nature & so violent, that neither  
communicated either to Mr. Parker with w<sup>ch</sup> he had already treated — or even to Parliam<sup>t</sup>  
from a Throne itself. If he had given to that Extremity, it might create a Resentment  
either in Individuals, or in a Publick, w<sup>ch</sup> might procure a very unexpected and  
Extraordinary Support from both. — after this & must other Discourse for a hour  
at hour & an half (during w<sup>ch</sup> he wrote to & Lord Chancellor <sup>for him to come that by trying</sup> to communicate also  
to him what he thought fit — I left him as I believe determined to follow both these  
measures. — and he was to see a Duke of Cumberland <sup>that evening</sup> & me the next morning Thursday  
in consequence of this.

Mr. Po. Grenville came to Buckingham House about 11 o'clock soon after I left it — and  
made a Proposal to Mr. King. w<sup>ch</sup> he was to reconsider, & to come to Mr. King & Mr. Jamieson with a final Resolution  
of a Faction — The Duke of Cumberland was to spend a part of a day (Wednesday) in further Trials & to report  
to Mr. King that Night. w<sup>ch</sup> he could learn if any thing sh<sup>d</sup> happen in a Resolution of D. of Newcastle & his  
Friends. — I heard nothing more from Mr. King that day.

After this there was no more said — The next day Friday the