[illegible] greater confusion
than at any former crisis. All government
is in a manner, suspended by two most powerful
Parties. The King & Mr Pitt, with a large Majority of the
House of Lords are at the head of one. Lord North &
Mr Fox, with a small Majority of the House of
Commons, lead the other. No Minister can conduct
the affairs of this Nation without a Majority in the
House of Commons. Though the Opposition may grant
the Minister to pay the Interest to the public Creditors,
yet they seem determined to withhold the Supplies
to maintain the Army & Navy, until an Administration
is formed in which they can repose their Confidence.
It is not probable that Mr Pitt can obtain a Majority
in the present House of Commons. If the Opposition
have a Majority, it is believed the
Parliament will be dissolved & the present Ministry
on the new Elections can't gain a Majority, they will
keep their Places, if only they cannot agree, or
determine who should govern the Kingdom by force
of arms. It is evident to Me, that some Ministry
must resign before any permanent Ministry can
be formed in this Country. The Opposition is very