

Majesty's paternal care and tenderness for his subjects. It was what good subjects deserved from a *good* King; and every man would rejoice in, and bless the day, when his Majesty, restored to the dignified independence of his elevated situation, was able to speak to his people in the language of his own heart; to participate in their sufferings; to praise and reward them for their fortitude. IT WAS THE BEST OF MESSAGES TO THE BEST OF PEOPLE, FROM THE BEST OF KINGS.

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Conversation on the Division of the Cabinet.

Mr. Fox said, one would naturally imagine, in an administration formed on the principles of the men distinguished by the *Rockingham's*, that upon the decease of that great man, whose virtues, whose nobleness of thinking, and whose firm integrity bound them together, the man would be sought, and appointed to succeed him, who most resembled him in character, in influence, in popularity: such at least were his ideas, and the eyes of all men were naturally turned to the *Duke of Portland*. Instead of that noble person, however, the Earl of Shelburne was selected, of whom, if he meant to describe the character, he could not truly say he bore any kind of resemblance to his predecessor; perhaps the exact reverse might come nearer the picture. Perhaps it might be asked, why, thinking as he did of the Earl of Shelburne, he came with him into office at all? To this he must answer, that he had strong ob-