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 Do much more can be done
 with you all together & there
 would be the difficulty you
 suggest about the local Govt.
 I got a mutual friend
 to put this view strongly before
 Howe to day as he had said
 in a recent letter that Mr. Rose
 might come down. I think
 we may now fairly con-
 gratulate each other that
 the back of Repeal is broken
 What I have feared was that
 while this protracted negotiation
 with Howe was going on the
 Union party might be largely
 alienated from the support
 of the present Govt. which in my
 judgement would be a great
 misfortune irrespective of the
 possibility of Howe & co. in
 that case drawing off and going
 over to the opposition, if they did
 not return to the ranks of the
 Repealers. About myself I feel
 no anxiety. If we can get this

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