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The King received the last evening Lord Auckland's very  
handsome letter; His Majesty never doubted that after thirty two  
years since Lord Auckland first came into His service, and that  
He must have fully felt the Evil of having taken the most  
active part in effecting the famous Coalition which certainly  
shortened the days of a most faithful First Lord of the Treasury;  
He would on the present Occasion show that Zeal and Loyalty  
which His subsequent conduct has so decidedly marked.

The conduct of Mr. Pitt has been personally detestable  
and indeed friendly to the King, and will be ever valued; On  
the Roman Catholic question <sup>I suggest has been, from his desire</sup> ~~he~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~so~~ ~~far~~ ~~from~~ ~~any~~ ~~detailed~~ ~~support~~, ~~that~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~consideration~~ ~~said~~ ~~of~~ ~~himself~~ ~~and~~ ~~his~~ ~~ministers~~  
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of deference to His Majesty, travelled from King to King, to feel it both a personal and  
a public duty to abstain from again proposing that measure. This assurance  
was conveyed soon after Mr. Pitt's return, from the King's service, through Mr.  
Adelphi, and being now renewed by himself, His Majesty is now fully at  
ease; for He never could form Duty to His conscience, as well as Public Duty  
to His subjects, set so bad an example as that of breaking an Oath.

Mr. Addington's conduct is not less meritorious, he is coming forward  
at an hour of extreme difficulty; his now voluntary retirement  
leaves Mr. Pitt with advantage to His Majesty's service, come  
again forward, and that by strengthening the King's Administration  
not forming a new one, must place Mr. Addington as one of the most  
faithful of Ministers  
George Pitt

