

(The two following are Copies of Letters from William Eden  
Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the Under-Secretaries of State, to his Excellency  
Robt<sup>t</sup> Eden Esq<sup>r</sup>.)

My dear Bob: Downing-Street Nov<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>

Tom Eden is so violent a Patriot, that he will  
not let me write one Word worth your Reading, as he says that  
my accursed Politics have already brought a Plur on the  
Blood of our Family - take plain Facts therefore without  
any Comment - L<sup>d</sup> Dartmouth has quitted the Seal for  
the Privy Seal, which was vacated by the Desmission of  
the Duke of Grafton, his Graw having made a Gram-walk  
Turne in his Politics since last Year: it is another of  
my disgraces to be honoured with the Friendship of  
your new Principals, who I believe will see his Department  
ably and actively, and is particularly intimate with the  
Commander in chief on your Continent - L<sup>d</sup> Rochford  
has retired on honourable and amicable Terms, we are  
removing to his Office as Seniors, but retains the  
Northern Department, L<sup>d</sup> Weymouth succeeds