

Dear Mr. Francis.

I arrived here yesterday Morning & have now had a complete view of things — It is summed up in 3 words — a Declared Independence — and as I desire that it should be understood so publicly — that my Seat is entirely from the Burgesses — I believe had they known how Smith had voted they would not have given him their promises — I did not know their Politics were so warm in Opposition. They speak of Lord Lansdowne as an Individual very kindly but consider him as misled by the Wife who is terribly unpopular — they mention our late old friend with attachment and are enthusiastic about Lord Henry — If my Refinements, as they are termed, had led me to decline the Seat they would have elected S. Vivesh one of their own Body to hold the Seat for L<sup>d</sup> Henry. if he lost Cambridge. I told the Viveshes in such an event I would resign to L<sup>d</sup> Henry. They said it would not be permitted, it would offend them after what had been personally intended towards me. My own Opinion is Lord Lansdowne will never have another Member here — I wrote from hence to L<sup>d</sup> Henry. Smith writes me good News from Taunton — My Election is on Friday next. I shall be in Town on Sunday.

Yr. ever most truly

Jekyll.

Calais May 6. 1807.

To cement the Revolution here new Forms as well as Substances have been adopted. Instead of my Canvassing