

H. H. to Lord North

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Lucens House April 2^d 1772.

Lord North, As I understand the Petition of the Dissenters is to be presented tomorrow, I take this method of acquainting you, that I think you ought not to press these Gentlemen who are brought on that Interest into Parliament to oppose this measure, as that you be driving them out of those seats on a new Parliament, but I think you ought to oppose it personally through every stage, which will gain you the Applause of the Established Church and every real friend of the Constitution, if you should be weary it will be in doing your duty and the House of Lords will prevent any evil; indeed it is the Duty of Ministers as much as possible to prevent any alterations in so essential a part of the Constitution as every thing that relates to Religion, and there is no that I do for this Petition as the Crown regularly grants a Habeas corpus if any over nice Justice of Peace encourages prosecutions.

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