

H. M. to Ld. Suffolk

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Luans House, Nov^r 5th 1772.

Lord Suffolk, The draught to Lord Stormont meets with my thorough
approbation, as it consists only of general reasoning ^{with respect to} ~~that~~ ^{the}
and what will probably be the issue of the present state of things, ^{with respect to} ~~that~~ ^{the}
I am clear we cannot
appear too cold, and too strongly in our correspondence with
C^o. M^o. Junning, ^{point out} the little real advantage that can accrue
to Russia, ^{from any treaties} ~~to~~ recover from the weak state to which she is now
reduced by the waste of Men and Treasure, ^{besides as we cannot bind} ~~by~~
by any treaty of Alliance, ^{or any reason for her joining with Russia} ~~or any reason for our opposing her~~
in a declaration against the charge of the Emperor ^{for the} ~~for the ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{against} ~~against~~ ^{we} ~~we ^{are} ~~are ^{very} ~~very ^{greatly} ~~greatly ^{though} ~~though ^{if} ~~if ^{Russia} ~~Russia
is attacked by France ^{winners of} ~~we~~ ^{may} ~~from~~ ^{general} ~~views~~ ^{of} ~~of
policy ^{prohibit our} ~~prohibit our~~ ^{idle} ~~idle~~ ^{spectators} ~~spectators~~; the language of the Duke
ought to be civil but clear of any engagement; whether great
firmness must be shewn at Paris, and that if France sends
a fleet into the Baltic the English Ships cannot remain at
home; indeed I wish to keep off a War as long as possible, we
are vulnerable in so many parts that we cannot escape to sea,
and from the cause of the War it be a continental one, and from
the little faith held ^{in liquidating} ~~with~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{demands} ~~demands~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{last} ~~last ^{year} ~~year ^a ~~a ^{much} ~~much
more expensive one, than as yet we may imagine.~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]

5 Nov 1772