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Lord North thinks it his duty to inform his Majesty, that Mr Newport, the heir of the Bradford family is dying, by whose death a sum of money, to the amount of about £130,000 will escheat to the Crown. The persons who will, probably, petition his Majesty for the escheat, are, as far as Lord North is advised, very opulent men, so that there does not appear hitherto any reason why the Crown should not avail itself of the escheat, as it is possible that some person or other may be very alert in applying to

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his Majesty for this accession. It is right that
his Majesty should put upon his guard against
any surprize; Ld North hopes, therefore, that
his Majesty will excuse the trouble he
gives him upon this occasion.

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