

Lord North

June 25 1774

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Lord North has the honour of transmitting to his  
his Majesty a letter he has this moment received  
from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. If Mr  
Hutchinson can be trusted with so good a place  
for life as the Provoostship of Trinity College,  
The arrangement proposed seems a very useful one  
for government. Many good points are accomplished  
by it, among the principal, I reckon the alteration  
of the tenure of the Submaster's place: acquiring  
Mr Flood, & satisfying Lord Shannon are likewise  
two very important objects, & not dearly pur-  
= chased at the expence of an additional  
£1000 a year granted to Mr Hutchinson  
& his family, but which, being to be held during

with <sup>be</sup> pleasure, ~~is~~ a pledge of his attachment to Government, if the independence of his situation in other respects should at any time tempt him to relapse into opposition.

Sir George Macartney has often solicited Lord North to render his Irish pension tenable with a seat in the British House of Commons. Of all the methods proposed by Sir George, the least objectionable is to let him continue to hold his pension as the salary of an Irish place during pleasure. The Office which he has desired to have revived in his favour is the Constablership of Taon, which is the name of a Castle & a small district in the neighbourhood of his estate. Lord Bute has promised Sir George to bring him into Parliament at the next general

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Election for a district of Burroughs in Scotland  
which makes him very impatient for some  
arrangement which may reconcile the enjoyment  
of his present income, with a seat at St. Stephen's.  
If his Majesty should authorize me to confirm  
Lord Harcourt's plan, & to grant Sir George's  
request, it will be convenient to do them  
both at the same time. The objection to re-  
-viving an old place is, undoubtedly, the difficul-  
-ty of ever abolishing it again, when the cause  
of reviving it shall have ceased; on the  
other hand, it will be always necessary  
to secure, by places or pensions, a certain num-  
-ber of Irish Members of Parliament, &  
if this place is not revived, other burdens  
will, probably, be laid upon the Irish

revenue in the room of it, whenever the  
public service requires it. The important  
point for British Government in Ireland  
is that nothing be granted for life, &  
Lord Harcourt appears to have duly atten-  
=ed to this maxim in his proposed arrange-  
=ment. Were all the good offices in Ireland  
granted during pleasure, they would, together  
with a few pensions, & a resident Lord  
Lieutenant, insure success to every reason-  
=able proposal of Government.

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For Mr. Harcourt

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