

Lord North  
Downing Street Jan<sup>y</sup> 13. 1778.  
12. o'clock

rel. to what was said, and  
a new plan to be communicated  
to S<sup>r</sup> W. Howe

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Lord North has the honour of transmitting  
to his Majesty a minute of a Cabinet held  
this evening in Downing Street. Although they  
have come to a resolution respecting only a part  
of Lord Amherst's opinion, they talked over the  
whole of it. The necessity of communicating this plan  
to the Commander in Chief; the manner of doing it;  
~~who~~ who should be the Commander in chief; & the  
method to be taken to signify his Majesty's plea-  
sure to S<sup>r</sup> W. Howe if he remains at the  
head of the army; The reinforcements to Canada  
& E. Florida, were all considered, but postponed  
for a day or two that Lord E. Bouverie might  
be made acquainted with the business. The

Lord came to a resolution upon that busi-  
-ness which would not admit of any delay.  
They wish, if possible, to have an old letter  
sent to Halifax, thinking that post too  
important to be trusted intrinsically to new Levies.  
Lord North enclosed a letter from the City  
with an account of the state of the  
subscription last night.

Leaving Home Jan. 9 10. 12 o'clock P.M.