

H. C. to Lord North

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Lord North, The extracts You have enclosed from letters written to Mr. Wentworth from France are certainly of great importance.

Though Lord Chatham's name (which was always his greatest merit) is undoubtedly not so great as formerly yet it will greatly hurt Lord Rockingham's party with many fawning Persons to see that he disavows the unjustifiable lengths they would go in favour of America, and will therefore prove a fortunate event to the introducing into Parliament the proposal You intend to make of new arranging the Commission, increasing the power of the Commissioners, and getting rid of some Acts of Parliament that are in the present state of Affairs a bar to forming any solid reconciliation with that Country.

As I look upon the recall of G. Howe as a measure settled, it is natural to expect that Lord Howe will also be to return home; but that though expected.

cannot be publicly looked upon as certain therefore  
He must be named in the New Commission; but if he  
comes home, I think neither the Generals nor  
Admirals in America need be in the Commission  
but Peers and Commoners from home. As your  
mind must be fully employed I will not detain  
you longer on this occasion

Lucas House

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