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Undoubtedly if the intelligence sent by Benson is
founded, France has taken her part and a War
with G. Britain must soon follow.

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I enclose a very sensible letter from Lord
Barrington as to the raising Men in case that
measure should be thought advisable at this
hour; I perfectly agree with him that though
from old habits in Scotland Corps may be the
best method in that part of the Kingdom, that
it does not in the least hold as to Ireland, and
that what the Secretary at War proposes is
much fairer to the Army and if tried will certainly
answer the purpose

Lucas House

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