

A. N. to Lord North

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Lord North, The very silly delicacy of Lord
Suffolk of not being elected a Knight of the Garter
on the Occasions that will arise when I alter
the number of Knights of the Garter, by the
Sovereign and all his Sons being of that Order
exclusive of the 26. Knights, is the sole cause
of his not yet having the Garter, for only three
are vacant and Lord Suffolk, Goldsmere,
Northampton and Weymouth know they are to be
of the first Election. If any one of the four
or another Knight should die I can give them
before I alter the Statute, but otherwise
unless he changes his mind he must have
patience.

Queens House

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