

A. H. to Lord North

Feb. 24 1778

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Lord North, The House of Commons sat certainly much later than you had expected, but on the other hand you have got the Bill into the Committee which is a step farther than you had expected by what you mentioned yesterday unto me. In your note there was no list of the Speakers, which if it can be made out I wish to see as on this occasion many Men will probably appear on Sides they do not usually. The more I think on the conduct of the Advocate of Scotland the more I am incensed against him; more favour has been heaped on the Shoulders of that Man than ever were bestowed on any Scotch Lawyer, and he seems studiously to embrace an opportunity to create difficulties; but Men of talents when not accompanied with integrity are pests instead of blessings to Society and true wisdom ought to crush them rather than nourish them.

Queens House
Feb. 24th 1778^{on} p. 9. J. H.

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]

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