

A. M. to Mr. North

2796

Lucas House March 3. 1778.

Dear North, I have very carefully read over Mr. Eden's papers concerning the Commission, and very readily consent to his having £1000. to enable him to fit himself for the business on which he is going to be employed; but do not think the Commission ought to be given to the Privy Counsellors, and there is a very forcible reason against it, viz Henry Clinton is in America consequently cannot be called to the Privy Council and I am persuaded you must see how bad an effect it would have the making the Commanders of the Troops the last instead of the second in the Commission. When Mr. Eden knows I have instantly or soon the pecuniary assistance he has desired it will convince him I approve of his accepting the offer you have made him of being one of the Commissioners; I am certain the making those gentlemen Privy Counsellors would give offence to many, and be of no utility, parade is not the object of the mission but business.

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