

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of troubling
his Majesty again upon the subject
of his last letter in which he mentioned
one article, viz: a Peerage for Lord
G. Germain who is not in the Catalogue
of Ministers.

Lord North thinks himself bound
to duty to repeat that, (though he
is ready to sacrifice every consideration
to his Majesty's wishes,) the present
Ministry can not continue a fortnight.

as it is, if there is nothing which
seems so likely to stem the first violence
of the torrent as sending to lead
Chatham. If His Majesty can not
consent to that, & the plan of a
Ministry which was sent to His
Majesty this morning can not take
place, he is afraid the whole system
will break up, & his Majesty be in
a short time more at the mercy of
the opposition, than he would be at that
of Lord Northam if he were now
invited to take the lead of affairs.

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Lord Northam would certainly be more
reasonable than Lord Rockingham's
party; He would alter the Cabinet, but
he would not proceed to remove persons
~~in~~ from inferior departments, & he
would bring into government but a
few followers; Add to this, that, in
the manner of doing the business, he
would be more attentive to the
appearance of the dignity of the
Crown, than the others.

Lord North, having unburthen'd his
mind, returns to his former declarations,
that he is at His Majesty's command

but instructs his Majesty to think
of himself & the Public, & not to
risk the ruin of both in order to
preserve a Ministry, who, in all proba-
-bility, will be over-ruled in three
weeks,

Communion was done yesterday at 2 1/2 o'clk.
- court. In order to hasten it, ^{fast} the
Prepense ^{acquainted} every body that he met
with the paper presented by the
Ambassador on Friday last.

Sound as 12 o'clock

has necessity & look
Duties

12 o'clock.

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John North