

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of receiving his Majesty's commands, & has come to return his thanks for the repetition of his Majesty's great kindness towards him, which he is afraid may prove ruinous to the Public, & has therefore thought it his duty to lay his opinions frankly & fully before his Majesty. He would not have troubled him so often on a disagreeable subject, were he not perfectly convinced that the present system will not



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do; That it must break up in a very short  
time; That a change, which will become necessary,  
will be greater, & accompanied with  
more disagreeable circumstances the  
longer it is delay'd. The Condition of the  
Country is, indeed, not critical, & it is  
become next to impossible to carry on  
government, except upon a broad comprehen-  
sive plan which may in a great  
measure cripple opposition. There is no  
doubt but the opponents, perceiving that  
they stand on high ground, will urge

their demands with great weight & persu-  
= verance, but, as Ld. North's party  
is the smallest amongst the opposers  
of government, their demands will be  
the fewest & the most easily gratified.  
Ld North hopes that his Majesty will  
forgive the freedom with which he  
writes. The very dangerous situation of  
public affairs must be his excuse.

Ld North mention'd yesterday to Lord  
Amherst his intention of Desiring his attend-  
= ance in the Cabinet, & nominating him  
a Lieut. General on the Staff. He second



much pleased with the distinction  
granted his readiness to give every  
assistance in his power.

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Towning Street Monday March 16

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Ed North  
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A. M.  
Respectfully of a new administration  
— J. J. J. J.