

A. N. to Lord North

Mar. 17 1778

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Efficient Ministers; but whilst any ten men in the Kingdom
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My Dear Lord I will rather risk my Crown than do what I
think personally disgraceful, and whilst I have no wish
but for the good and prosperity of my Country, it is impossible
that the Nation shall not stand by Me; if they will not, they
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that I will appoint him Chancellor, and the Solicitor
Gen. that if he does not chuse to be Attorney, we will
treat with the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas that
he may have that Office
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25 M. H. A. M.
in answer to No. 1.

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in answer to No. 1 (taken from endorsement)