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Ld North has the honour of having  
to his Majesty three papers the two first  
of which contain very rough sketches  
of mutual proposals between Great Britain  
& America, & the third is an idea of a  
letter which may be written by the  
American agents at Paris; Except what  
relates to the Sugar Bill which cer-  
tainly ought not to be made a  
part of any treaty or preliminary,  
& about which the utmost that can  
be said is that it may be recommended



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& amended, if found defective. Except what relates to that Bill Lord North is of opinion that a speedy accommodation upon these principles would be very desirable in our circumstances, but he much questions the sincerity of Mr. Foran's offer.

From what fell from his Majesty Lord North imagines that he sees the present state of this country in a better light than it deserves.

From the situation of public & private credit, Lord North doubts very much whether in this country we borrow for

two years more, & he submits to his Majesty that the power of borrowing has been hitherto the principal source of the greatness & weight of Great Britain.

Lord North thinks it right to touch shortly upon two points which his Majesty recommended this day to his consideration.

Mr. Joseph Yorke is a very able man of business & would be of <sup>great</sup> use in the Cabinet, but his course of life not having led him to Parliamentary studies, he will probably not take an active part



in the House of Commons. The Attorney &  
S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> have great claims upon Govern-  
ment, & ought to be secur'd in high  
departments, but unless their elevation  
from the House of Commons is accompanied  
by a great accession of strength out of the  
opposition, Lord North can not undertake  
to conduct his Majesty's business in the  
<sup>H.C.</sup> Parliament. This promotion was a part of the  
arrangement sent to his Majesty on  
Sunday forenoon. By his Majesty's ex-  
press order, & not according to his own  
opinion, he sent to them, before any other  
part of the plan was settled. The consequence may  
be that Lord North will not be able any longer  
to go through the business of the H.C. of Commons.