

Draft to Lord North  
Luncheon House March 26<sup>th</sup>

1775  
5 P.M. A.M.

Answer to Lord North's Letter  
of March 25<sup>th</sup>

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Lord North, The Papers which I received from You  
Yesterday Morning, and now return, are certainly of too  
much importance to the interest and honour of this  
Country, for me at so short notice to venture to give a  
decisive opinion; indeed I might entirely have declined  
giving any, without more mature consideration, and  
hearing at large the sentiments of the Cabinet.

The many instances of the inimical conduct of Franklin  
towards this Country, makes me aware that hatred to this  
Country is the constant object of his mind, and therefore  
I trust that fearing the rebellious Colonies may accept  
the generous offers I am enabled by Parliament to make  
them by the Commissioners, now to be sent to America,  
that his chief aim in what he has thrown out ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> to  
prevent their being sent, or to draw out of Administration  
an inclination to go further in concessions than the  
Act of Parliament will authorize, that <sup>(that information from his)</sup> he may prevent  
America from concluding with the Commissioners.

But I think it so desirable an object to end the War  
with that Country, that I am persuaded it is a right intention  
to be enabled with the redoubled ardour to avenge the faithless and  
in so bad conduct of France, that I think it may be proper <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~

keep open the Channel of intercourse with that insidious  
As to any entering at present into the specific terms  
that may or may not be admitted, that is impossible  
untill the whole is drawn up in <sup>some</sup> degree of  
<sup>after any other integrity of the Agents employed in the dangerous Project</sup>  
one that, but I will never consent that in any way  
that may be concluded a single word be mentioned  
concerning Canada, Nova Scotia, or the Floridas  
which are Colonies belonging to this Country, and  
the more they can be rendered alike the other  
Colonies the better, for it is by them we are to  
keep a certain awe over the <sup>abandoned</sup> Colonies,  
where good Garrisoners must be constantly kept.

Dunns House

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1778

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