

St. Weymouth
Wilmington Street March 30. 1778
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Nothing but your Majesty's commands could induce me to venture to give an opinion on so arduous a matter as the present. as I have always thought that Lord North's now quitting his situation, would much weaken your Majesty's Government, without an accession from another quarter, his present promise of remaining will give your Majesty time before the end of the Session of Parliament to take such measures as you shall think proper. I imagine that the reason for Lord North's not mentioning the Great Seal, is, your Majesty's having told him that you would immediately put it into the hands of the Attorney General, to put vigour into your service, But as he has now consented

to remain he will probably expect that
that business should go thro' his hands,
Nothing therefore can put it on a better
footing than the answer which your Majesty
intends writing to Lord North. May I be
excused, if I intreat your Majesty to permit
me not to give any opinion about the
arrangement for the Solicitor General, I am
sure it is unnecessary for me to give any reasons
for this very humble request,

Arlington Street

March 30th 1770

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