

H. M. to H. M. North

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Lord North, by the letter I have received from You this Afternoon, I am sorry to perceive to have by declining the two first Questions adopted the third, tho' consenting to hold Your employment and to conduct the public affairs in the House of Commons untill the conclusion of this Session of Parliament; it would be useless in me to say what I feel at your declining to stay beyond that period, as I have exhausted that subject in the numberless letters I have wrote unto You; I must therefore from henceforth alone attend to what I think the good of my Service requires, and as such now direct You to send for Mr. Thurloe and acquaint him that I intend in a few days to place the Great Seal in his hands, and to confer a Peerage on him; as I am even to the end of Your holding Your Employment willing to give You every ease not detrimental to my Service, I will authorize You to persuade the Solicitor General not to quit the House of Commons untill the end of the Session, tell him it will be a conduct I shall never forget, and one of Your last Acts shall be the completing the arrangement with the Chief Justice, that the Solicitor may preside in the Court of Common Pleas.

Lucas House

March 30th 1778

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