

Lord North

Downing Street March 30th 1773
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Answer to the King's letter
of March 30th.

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Lord North has the honour of informing
his Majesty, that Mr Paine's motion for a
Committee to examine the three last accounts
of Extraordinaries was permitted to pass without
a division. The Committee is to be chosen by
Ballot.

Lord North has received the honour of his
Majesty's letter, & returns him his most sin-
-cere thanks for his goodness to him.

He begs leave to assure his Majesty, that
although he is afraid that he cannot conduct
the Public Affairs with comfort to himself

or advantage to his Majesty, he will, if his
Majesty should really find it necessary to dis-
-tain him longer than the end of the Sepia
continue, let his situation be never so uneasy,
till his Majesty is able to arrange his services
in the manner the most agreeable to him-
-self, & the most advantageous to the Public.
He will obey his command with respect
to the M^{rs} General, He believes that
it may be convenient, (whatever relief his
Majesty is kind enough to intend for her
to keep it secret for some time.

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