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Lord North, Though I mention'd Your continuing untill the  
end of this Session, I never doubt'd that if it should be really  
necessary to detain You longer to arrange matters in the best  
manner after so unfortunate an event, that You would submit to it,  
and, I am pleas'd at finding I judg'd right on that head, indeed  
that latitude is indispensably necessary, for till I receiv'd Your  
letter the last Afternoon I was despir'd of persuading You  
to continue in Your present Employment, though I felt how  
painful it was unto You, and therefore have never arrang'd  
any ideas in my mind in case that disagreeable event should  
arise. As soon as You have acquaint'd me w<sup>th</sup> the name  
of the Attorney General, if You do not chuse to take the part  
of acquainting the Lord Chancellor of the necessity particularly  
at this time of the person who holds that Office attending  
Council, and therefore of my calling on him to resign the  
Great Seal, I will very readily send for him and tell it him  
my self, ~~I did not the case of a p<sup>r</sup>son depend on it~~ I perfectly agree that  
any ideas of Your retiring must be kept quite secret, and I shall  
~~on this point~~ <sup>personally to me, can about my arduous tube of use to my Country.</sup>  
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