

Ed. North
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Mr Jackson

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Lord North has the honour of informing his Majesty that Mr Jackson will undertake the Commission provided he has leave to return in case the first attempt with the Congress should not succeed. Mr Eden considers this as a refusal, & that the permission can not be granted; He thinks that, considering Mr Jackson's Despair of success, He ought not to be one of the Commission: Lord North thought it right to submit these circumstances to his Majesty before the Council when he will talk more fully upon them. Gov^t Johnstone will go in Mr Jackson's place & his friend with, in that case, he better inclined to side with administration.

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