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Lord North has the honour of inclosing a letter from Mr Forth containing many curious particulars one of which viz: the return of Mr De la Motte Piquet may be depended upon. Some of the others were not improbable, & he is sorry to say that he does not think the article relating to Portugal absolutely impossible.

Lord North hopes that his Majesty does not impute the letters he has lately written to his Majesty to any motive inconsistent with the zealous attachment he owes, & feels for his Majesty's service.

Knowing his own unfitness for the high office he holds, & his inability to carry this country through the difficulties in which it is engaged, He thought it highly dangerous to his Majesty & the Public that his Majesty should continue in this critical moment to repose a degree of confidence in him which he is conscious his abilities will



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not justify; He feels much comforted & rejoiced that his Majesty begins to think seriously of making some new arrangement from whence a fair prospect for the prosperity of this country may be derived, & is very grateful to his Majesty for his kind attention to his care & comfort. He begs leave at the same time to assure his Majesty that till a plan can be settled which his Majesty can approve, he will sacrifice every personal consideration to his Majesty's service, in which he will die, rather than abandon his Majesty in distress.

Ld North has seen Mr Le Grand, & communicated to him his Majesty's orders respecting the bill for providing for his Majesty's & the Duke of Gloucester's children. He has since received the Duke's commands to attend his Royal Highness on Thursday; He found by Mr Le Grand, that his Royal Highness would be well pleased to have

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the £12000 promised to his Royal Highness's children granted in the manner the most agreeable to his Majesty.

Ld North inserts a note from Mr Medley's letter which refers to a matter mentioned in Ld North's other note



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Ad. North  
April 16 1778

Letter from Mr. North.  
1<sup>st</sup> North's resignation & offer  
of service for the King's present  
service & the Duke of Gloucester