

A. M. to the North

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Lord North, I have received the list of the Secret Committee chosen yesterday by ballot.

I must insist on no time being lost in speaking to the Attorney General concerning his taking the Great Seal, as my intention is to confer it on him next Saturday, that he may be able to appear in the Debate on the close of the State of the Nation on Tuesday next. You yesterday renewed your request that I would think of an arrangement to release you from your present situation; it is impossible for me to stir a step until the Great Seal is in respectable hands; the situation of the Solicitor General is quite different, an arrangement of a permanent kind is to be made to satisfy him; the Attorney is to be brought forward to give energy to the first station in the Law, therefore I only press for what is of use to my service, and leave the other to your arranging when it suits your best.

Lewis Phoebe

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