

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of
informing his Majesty, that Lord Chief
Justice De Grey declines to quit the
Chief Justice's place with a pressing
of complaints, & Lord North is inform'd,
that he will think himself much
hurt if Mr Thurlow has a Precept
without the same honour is granted
to him. He says that ^{every} Attorney
General of this reign has had a

Peerage except I^r Fletcher Norton
him; That I^r Fletcher is in a situation
that leads to a coronet; That he, who
served in difficult times, who has
a fortune in reputation & expectation
equal to a Peerage, & who is of the
oldest Gentleman's families in Great
Britain, who has now been for some
time in one of the highest seats of
Justice, declines himself as not entitled
to any honours that Mr Sturton
or Mr Wedderburn can pretend to.

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Both He & his son complain much
of the spur intended to be thrown
upon him. on the other hand, the
Solicitor General considers him-
self as ill used, & complains the
more heavily of it, as he says, with
justice that he has given both
in & out of Parliament the most
cordial & useful support.

In this situation Lord North will be
if possible, worse supported than he is
at present, ^{& have} ~~with~~ an increase of enemies.
Lord North is a good deal out of order

today with the fatigues of last night,
& these fresh vexations, but will endeavor
to weather them. He will
send for Mr Thurlow tomorrow, as
it will be the first day when he will
be able to talk with him in any
detail. He will convey to him exactly
his Majesty's wishes, & with his humble
see by what means he may still
hope to receive some support in
the H^o of Commons, of which he will
in a few days be entirely deprived.

Laminus Hill Friday 3^o clock