

H. K. to H. North

Apr. 8 1778

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Lord North, May acquaint the Lord Chancellor
that he may prepare the Commission for passing
the Private Bills on Thursday, and that I shall
on Friday give my Assent in Person to the Sea Bills.

I am deeply afflicted at what I fear too authentic
an account of the death of Sir John Clavering, I know
that I have lost a most excellent Officer and a truly
valuable Man, one whom neither difficulties nor any other
consideration could swerve from the right path.

I don't think much is to be built on the note
from Mr. Pulteney, probably the old Doctor may wish to
keep a door open, but as it does not delay the Commission
it can be of no service.

The giving an audience to Foreign Ministers when
they go abroad is now become customary it used only
to be to Ambassadors; on this occasion it is not necessary
and would be rather unpleasant, as Eden does not seem
to wish it, I desire he will prevent its being repeated.

Lucas House April 8th 1778. ^{on} p. 7. A.M.

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