

H. H. Lord North

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Lord North, Seeing the embarrassment you had
got into from strong solicitations of granting three
Pecuniaries on the promotion of Mr. Thurstow to the
Great Seal, and feeling on my part how much my
consenting to it would be blamed in the public;
I resolved to take on my self the unpleasant task
of at least getting one of them postponed, that you
might not be blamed by any of the parties
concerned; therefore saw Mr. De Grey early this
morning, told him it was without your knowledge
or that of any other person; that I felt that the
Chief Justice might wish to have a Pecuniary as
an advantage to his Family, that from the
state of his health it could not enable him to
attend Parliament, that three Pecuniaries to his
profession would not be right, that I could not
consent to it; but if the Chief Justice would consent
to retire for the convenience of my service I would
promise

promise on the first promotion of persons to
Perages exclusive of the present Law arrangement.
I would confer one on him, and that if he should
not live till then, it should as in the case of Sir
John Cuth be conferred on his son. The Chief
Justice has sent Mr. De Grey to explain his
heartly acquiescence, of which the enclosed
is an exact Copy. I desire therefore not an
hour may be delayed in my calling forth Mr.
Sturton, and in gratifying the wishes of the
Solicitor General.

I am ready to mention to the Lord Chancellor
myself the necessity of his resigning, and I am
certain he will rather chuse the intimation
should come from me, than from any other person.

Lunenburg
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