

H. C. to Lord North

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New April 14th 1778 on p. 4. R. M.

Lord North, Not having received any answer to the letter I wrote unto you on Wednesday Evening, by which you saw I had removed the immediate difficulty of at one time creating three Law Peers; I to prevent delay sent on Thursday Evening for the Lord Chancellor, and explained the impossibility of continuing him in Office, he having declined to attend at the consultations of my Ministers for digesting the various Public matters, which from the War, would more than ever require the assistance of the person that held the Great Seal. He saw the necessity of my conduct and will with great propriety deliver the seal whenever called upon by me. Thus the road is now plain for you, and as I find this arrangement is much talked of in London, no farther delay can be of utility; therefore I desire you will this day send to the Attorney General and fix at latest his coming tomorrow to Bushy, when you will notify that I mean to put the seals on Wednesday into his hands; you will also acquaint me with the money arrangement proposed by the Chief Justice, that you may have my final consent to that transaction, and then you may acquaint the Solicitor General that on Wednesday he will be presented as Chief Justice, and have a Decree. As soon as I have your answer I will write to the Lord Chancellor and advise him to attend on Wednesday.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]

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