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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~~  
<sup>Thursday</sup> ~~that~~ 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~~  
~~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 <sup>as</sup> find this arrangement  
is much talked of in London <sup>no</sup> ~~which~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~of~~ ~~any~~ ~~use~~ ~~if~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~done~~ ~~as~~ ~~soon~~ ~~as~~ ~~possible~~ ~~and~~ ~~no~~ ~~farther~~  
delay <sup>can be</sup> of ~~no~~ 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 Seal on Wednesday into his  
hands; you will also acquaint me with the money  
arrangement

arrangement proposed for 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 that he will  
have a Serjeant. As soon as I have your answer I will  
write to the Lord Chancellor and apprise him to  
attend on Wednesday.