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Lord North, I am rather surpris'd the House of Commons  
have unanimously Voted an Address for a public  
Funeral and a Monument in Westminster Abbey for Lord  
Cathart, but I suppose it is worded as a testimony of  
public gratitude for his raising the Nation at the  
beginning of the last War and his conduct whilst at  
that period he held the Seals of Secretary of State,  
or this compliment if pay'd to his general conduct  
is rather an offensive measure to me personally,  
as to the adding a life to the pension I granted  
unto him for three years, I very readily consent to that,  
and authorize <sup>Lord North</sup> you without delay to take the  
necessary steps for <sup>effecting</sup> ~~executing~~ my intentions. ~~Reasons.~~

As this fresh touching upon the wish to retire  
convincing me of Lord North's intention at all events  
to <sup>resign</sup> ~~retire~~ I can only add that as soon as he has  
arrang'd the day of Mr. Thurstow's receiving the Great  
Seal, I will when I have that office in such respectable  
hands, not lose an hour in consulting with the then <sup>and</sup> ~~then~~ Chancellor

and some of my Principal Ministers now in this  
Cabinet how ~~much~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>leap</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> the detriment of public affairs ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> supply  
look upon <sup>as</sup> so great a loss, and the retreat of Lord  
Roth from the Treasury and <sup>the</sup> ~~conduct~~ <sup>conducting</sup> of <sup>Public</sup> measures  
in the House of Commons. Lord Roth will by  
this perceive the sooner he can notify unto me  
that the road is clear for my nominating a change  
the sooner he will be freed from his present uneasy  
situation

Levens House

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1778

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