

Draft to Lord North
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Lord North, If every Man would maturely consider what is
most for his own credit, he would conduct himself as the
Solicitor General does on the present occasion, I do not
mean by this to take away any of his merit, but to point
out that it is judicious as well very handsome, and
must make a deep impression on my mind to his
advantage; I must desire that it be examined whether
some mark of my approbation cannot be conferred
on him on this occasion; but I decidedly decline
the arrangement proposed the other day of vacating
the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas for the
Speaker whose adverse conduct cannot make me
deem it either wise or expedient to place him
in that Office, more particularly with a Surgeon.

I authorize you to send this day for the Attorney General
to acquaint him that there is no farther impediment to
his instantly getting the Great Seal, and that I wish
to see him tomorrow at the Drawing Room, when
~~equal to the person and Capable now to take effect~~
I will offer him a security, whenever he shall lose the
Great

Great Seal, I think this ^{arising when he has is more} suggestion from the to
~~him~~ delicate than its being granted ^{or an offer in my opinion} on an application
from him, but I will ~~try~~ ^{try} tell you I shall try to
avoid granting a reversion of a better thing, and
am anxious to give that to your family whether you
remain in your present situation or no.

I cannot fix the particular day for giving the Great
Seal to Mr. Sherlow until after my conversation with
him tomorrow, when I will notify it by letter to
the Chancellor, whose personal conduct to me deserves
every mark of attention.

You shall on Monday receive a letter from me
fixing the whole of this.