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Lord North, Agreeable to your recommendation, I have acquainted the Attorney General that when he shall put the Great Seal into his hands, I mean to accompany it with the Reversion of a Fellowship of the Exchequer, and a similar floating Pension to that held by Lord Camden, to take place whenever he quits the Great Seal, untill he shall be in possession of the Fellowship; he seems very sensible of my Attention in proposing it myself unto him; I did not chuse to fix any day for his receiving the Seal, as you this day again renewed a wish to be dispens'd from holding your present Employment, if I can make any proper arrangements; I will therefore now fully examine whether it be possible to effect any plan that may carry with it a proper appearance, always relying that if I cannot fix on any mode that I can think of Advantage to the Publick, you will in that case consent to continue in your present Employment.

I have just received your account of the news from Paris which has an appearance of truth

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