

A. M. to Gen. North

July 25 1778

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Gen. North has judged properly with regard to Lord Bathurst
and have acted properly in postponing supposing to guess
at his intentions till they were fully explained or settled.
I will not object to a pension but trust as he would have
taken the Privy Seal that he will be contented with one
not exceeding the value of that Office and not equal to
that of his predecessor Lord Northampton.
Gen. North will see by this that he is now enabled
by me to negotiate this business and arrange it on
as reasonable a plea as he can, and indeed considering
it was Lord Bathurst's own plea not mine that oblig'd
me to remove him, he cannot expect to be put on any
but a gentle foot, as he wishes office he certainly
can have no claim but to a pension during pleasure.
Windsor Castle by the note I received the last Evening
from Lord Sandwich that Admiral Buppel will get between
July 25. off by the French Squadron and this Coast but do
not think we can have an action before
Gen. N. g. A. M. Monday
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25 July 1798