

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of sending
his Majesty a list of the gentlemen
who were last night at his house
in Downing Street. Lord Beauchamp
had sent an excuse, Lord Frederick
Campbell is in Scotland. Lord North
hopes that the persons then present
will support with cordiality, but can
not help expressing his fears that the
attendance in the House of Commons

will not be so constant & cordial as the
situation of affairs requires.

Lord North returns his Majesty's
his most humble thanks for his last
note. He will certainly bear ^{patiently} the miseries
he feels from continuing in office because
it is his Majesty's pleasure that he
should continue there. but he thought
it his duty to state to his Majesty, & he
thinks it his duty once more to repeat
that he is conscious & certain that he
has neither the authority nor abilities
 requisite for the conduct of his Majesty's
affairs at this time, & that he has every

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the
reason to apprehend that his Majesty
will essentially prejudice his own & the
public cause by obliging him to remain
where he is. Lord North thinks that
a change might be made to the benefit
of his Majesty without showing re-
-course to the opposition. But, as his
Majesty is bent against every alteration
of administration, he will continue to sub-
-mit to every personal obitress that
he suffers from his situation, hoping from
his Majesty's goodness & justice, that,
after having ventured so freely, & frequently
to obli-

- nor his opinion, no part of the wishes
which the Public will probably collect
from Lord North's continuance in
office, will be imputed to him

Lord North had yesterday a visit
from Lord Powys, who desired him to
express his gratitude to his Majesty
for his proposed liberality to Lady Powys,
& his wish that the Pension might be
paid to a Mr. Ashby, whom Lord Powys has
sued upon as trustee for his mother.
As the Pension is to be private there
seems ^{to be} no difficulty in complying with
his Lordship's request.

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