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Ld. North

Dec 14
rel. to the Representation of
the W.I. Merchants.

Dec. 15 1778
(wrongly dated Tues.)

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Lord North has the honor of return-
-ing the inclosed papers to his Majesty.
No place or time for receiving the
representations of the West India
merchants & planters can be
more proper than that which
his Majesty has pointed out. Al-
-though the wishes of the petitioners
may in a degree be true, yet

I can not think their complaints against
the Ministry well founded, as they have
had all the support we could offer, though
from accidents, they have not received
it in time. The Representation did not
pass unanimously; It was opposed by
several gentlemen, & amongst others,
by the chairman, Sir Philip Gibbs.

Tuesday morn^g. Dec^r. 14.