

H. K. to Lord North

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Lord North has I suppose this day received a fresh intimation of Lord Suffolk's determination to resign his present Employment, by the letter I have received, & find him perfectly fixed on that measure; this consequently shews there is no time to be lost in fixing on his Successor. I own every hour more and more convinces me that nothing can so effectually remove the hatred and faction occasioned in the Navy by the unhappy breach between the two Admirals as a new head of the Admiralty Board, particularly if of that Profession. In times of Peace I am not convinced whether Men of more general Education may not fill that Station as well; but in a War and more so in the present which is a Naval One it is highly a disadvantage to have in the Cabinet a person able to plan the most effectual manner of conducting it. Should Lord North on consideration be of this opinion, and think Lord Howe the best qualified for this Post, it would remove all that altercation which if he is not during the recess satisfied, will take up the time of Parliament from business more useful.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*

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