

H. H. to Lord North

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This instant I have received Lord North's letter which is written in so open and friendly a style that it has given me infinite pleasure, what arises from the real affection I have for him; I certainly subvert possibly the ~~many~~ arguments that maybe used very cogent in their appearance yet diametrically opposite; I shall be very ready to hear all he may have to say on the present occasion; but I am certain one conversation cannot sufficiently cover the subject that a decision can instantly ensue, he may depend on having every idea that occurs to me.

I enclose a copy of most extraordinary paper delivered on Wednesday by the D. of Bolton; all he said was that Lord Hawke and the other Admirals that signed it had directed him to deliver it unto me; to which I replied that any paper signed by Lord Hawke and other Admirals could not fail of being duly considered by me; you will see it ends without any request was equally that only great worth at his high station and the Admiralty.

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