

Lord North

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Lord North has, in obedience to his Majesty's command, examined Mr. Doyly about his conversation with the Secretary of State & believes that there has been some misapprehension of his meaning, which has caused it to be stated to his Majesty in the manner, it has been.

Mr. Doyly, according to his own account, said to Lord G. G. "That it is not only necessary to determine whether the two Brothers should continue in their commands, but, if it should be so

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"determined, it will also be requisite
"to consider how to persuade them
"to remain, after the letters that
"have been written to them."

Mr D' only alluded principally to the
last letter written by Lord George to
Sir William Howe which were extremely
cold & dry with respect to Sir William's
successes in Pennsylvania, & at the
same time left him in doubt as
to his continuance in the command. He
answers Lord North that he never said

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or insinuated that it would be unsafe
or imprudent to continue Lord Howe &
Jr William Howe at the head of the
fleet & army in America, notwithstanding
=ing what has been written to them, but
he thinks that it will require some address
to persuade them to continue; if they do
remain he thinks it will be very safe
& prudent to trust them.

Ld North believes that he has given
to his Majesty faithfully & correctly
the substance of what he received
last night from Mr Stagg, from whom

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he concludes that what Lord George
said to his Majesty was rather an
inference drawn by him from Mr.

Stogge's conversation, than an exact
report of the conversation itself.

Lanning Street. Jan. 10.

John North
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