

A. Ke. to Ed. North

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Queens House Feb. 9th 1779
on Feb. 2nd P.M.

From the report of the conversation with Lord Howe on Friday stated that very evening by Lord North, I had no other expectations but that he would decline on a further explanation the last evening; the business may now be drawn to his short reflection either to look out for a proper person to succeed Lord Suffolk; or if the faction got into the Fleet should render it probable that Lord Sandwich will be less able than a new person to manage that department, than to advance Lord Sandwich to the first throne seals.

I return the American letters and News Papers.

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