

A. H. to Lord North

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My M. Sir

Not till I received Lord North's note, had not the smallest notice of General Mordaunt's being ill; I will certainly not take any final arrangement as to his Military preferments until Lord North has any advice to offer as to Sir William Howe the only thing that could suit him would be a good Government; Minorca would not do for he is Junior to the Lieut. Governor, but Murray may be appointed Governor and Howe Lieut. Governor which is equally good, or some one else appointed to the Lieut. Government who may vacate a Government for Sir W. Howe; I authorize you to talk with Mr. Launcelot as to his nephew's being appointed Groom of the Bed Chamber, the regular notice from the Groom of the Stole will order to be given the first time I see Lord Ashburnham.

I have been considering very seriously on the intended Memorial from the Naval Officers for removing Sir Hugh Dalrymple from his Office, and seeing in addition that it will also come from the Houses of Parliament; I am clear it will end in his losing his

Officers, therefore strongly recommend his being instantly
removed from the Lieut General of Marines and
the Nominal Government of Scarborough and give
notice of this to his Right Hon^{ble} Secretary; You may take
time to consider who shall succeed him in that
Office which I am certain has been the real
Source of all the mischief that has now broke
forth; I believe you will find no one but Lord
Sandwich against this Step; as it seems inevitable
I am sure I think it wisest to do it spontaneously
than to be drove to it.

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