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Lord North has, in obedience to his Majesty's command, laid before the Lords of the Cabinet Council, his Majesty's questions with respect to Mr Hugh Palliser, & has been directed by their Lordships to lay their opinion before his Majesty, That, as a Court Martial will be held upon him, it would be unjust to send him to his trial under the prejudice of a dismission on the

part of the Crown, & that, therefore,  
the question of removing him from his  
office of Lieutenant General of the  
Maurice <sup>the</sup> Government of Sea-boroughs  
which are Military employments, had  
better be deferred till the Court Martial  
should be over. It was the opinion  
of some Lord that a removal from all  
his Offices, & the Court Martial was  
the properest, <sup>& fairest</sup> treatment of Mr. Hylle.  
It was the opinion of others that  
a removal from his Offices would be

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of service to him on the Court Martial,  
but the prevailing sentiment seem'd  
to be, that a Court Martial is unavoi-  
-dable, & that it would not be right  
to send him to his trial under the  
prejudice of a censure & Dismissal  
on the part of the Crown.

Since Ld. North return'd, He has  
received a letter from the M<sup>rs</sup> Genl.  
containing his opinion on the same point,  
as well as on the immediate preferment  
of Mr William Howe. Ld. North takes  
the liberty of transmitting it to his

His Majesty, though his Majesty will  
easily perceive that it was written  
in a hurry, & intended for no eye but  
Lord North's.

The apprehension of an illumination & a riot  
this evening came to Lord North from Lord Sandwich,  
& to Lord Sandwich from Lord Denbigh, & appears in  
point of truth, to be equally well founded with  
all other intelligence from the same quarter.

Terminy Street Sat. 10 o'clock P. M.

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