

A. H. to the North

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Lord North, I cannot dissemble that I was much ^{on} surprised ^{at} finding the Pension for Mr. Eden amount to so large a sum, and I fear the making it by so broken a sum ^{will} appear to be ^{it} ^{of} ^{taxes}, will be a bad precedent, but as the sum of six hundred was mentioned if Lord North thinks it would be retracting what I had permitted him to mention, I will not object to the sum; but I certainly never meant to grant a Pension for life; I meant six hundred to make good Mr. Eden's losses, but not to make Mr. Eden independent by holding between himself and Mr. Eden near six hundred for life; when I mentioned the Pension ~~to~~ ^{as} ^{set} ^{for} ^{Mr.} ^{Eden} it was from knowing he would not have a seat in Parliament holding a Pension during pleasure; Lord George Renow held a pension during pleasure on the Irish Establishment whilst in Parliament when found out, the pension was granted in trust during pleasure for Lady George, this is what I meant for Mr. Eden; if once I grant Pensions for life I shall be torn to pieces for that, therefore must not introduce an innovation.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely a letter or document fragment.]

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