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H. de. lord. North

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The Account Lord North gave unto me yesterday of the language held the night before by the Attorney General to Mr. Robinson, has much filled my mind, and the result has been, that though I believe his temper is much on the fret yet I take it to be true he is some how or other more irritated at that hour, and that he has threatened more than he will perform; for as he is allowed to be a sensible man he cannot fail when he reflects to find that he could not take so unpopular a step for himself as to be the cause of the retreat of the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and that a Peerage accompanying his advancement would give very reasonable offence to many, the two Chiefs are not likely to stand long in his way if he came thus naturally into one of those Stations a Peerage might not follow with the bad grace it would now, for his standing would naturally procure him the office while the Peerage would be to a certain degree backward of service, but if the Chief Justice is to be pensioned to make room for him and a Peerage added it would really be too much; I certainly could not agree to such a proposition I must not alone consider the difficulty of the hour, but must not to get

get rid of that erect an example which must occasion  
ennumerable evils in future.

If Lord Dooty's arrangement for vacating the  
Chancellorship of the Duchy will please the Attorney  
I shall willingly consent to it, but I cannot give way to the  
plan he has proposed for himself, and I cannot think  
him in the House of Lords at this hour of any advantage  
to me, and that he may as well retire from my service  
may be better for that will not draw on the train of  
dissatisfaction from others that would ensue his  
being over loaded with favours.