

H. N. to Ld. North

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Lord North's Account of the proposal of Sir W. Meredith having been rejected without a Division is undoubtedly the best method of quashing it; but I cannot help deeming the bringing such a matter at this time forward ~~is~~ very mischievous. America from distress begins to feel, and Gentlemen who pretend to be Englishmen are bringing forward questions they know the Majority will reject, only to raise the drooping spirit of America.

Once Admiral Darty is returned and will in three or four days be in a situation to sail with Sir Charles Hardy; I am therefore glad to hear the French Fleet has quitted port, as we shall be in right time to prevent their returning without their hazarding an action, which I am certain must now be greatly to our advantage.

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