

H.M. to L^d North.

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It is ever my wish to forward any proposal that comes from Lord North as far as I can, as such I accept of his proposal of Arrangements, except in the instances of Lord Onslow to succeed Lord Pembroke, and a Decree for L^d. Geo. Germain.

My reason for declining the first is, that when the Lords of Winchester and Aylesford came into the Bedchamber I told Lord North I was under engagements to Lord Boston, but would waive them till the next vacancy, I apprized Lord Boston of this, and consequently cannot on a vacancy think of any one but him. It would be an endless repetition to state my objection to decorating L^d. Geo. Germain with a Decree; he has not been of use in his department, and nothing but the most meritorious services could have wiped off his former misfortunes.

As to Lord North's wish of retiring it would be highly unbecoming at this hour, besides had I inclined to it, I could never have thought his making the present considerable Arrangement a proper prelude to his resigning. Lord North will apprise the Cabinet that on Thursday Lord Hillsborough will receive the seals of Secretary of State.

