

H. H. to Lord North

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Lord North's application to resign within two days of the  
Prorogation of Parliament, I can see in no other light, than  
as his shewing his continuation in a desire of retiring whenever  
my Affairs will permit it; for I can never suppose that he, who  
so very handsomely stepped forth on the death of the Duke of  
Grafton, would lose all that merit, by following so undignified  
an example. The times are certainly hazardous, but that ought  
to rouse the spirit of every Englishman to support me, who  
have no wish but for the prosperity of my People, and no view  
but to do my Duty, and to shew by firmness in difficulties, that  
I am not unworthy of the Station into which it has pleased  
Providence to place me.

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