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North

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The King to Lord North

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Lucas House June 16th 1779.

Lord North's Application to resign within two days of the
Prorogation of the 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
~~such an~~ ^{such 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 ~~to do for the best~~ ^{for the prosperity of my} People,
and have 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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