

Ld North

June 18 1779

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As Lord North has received the melancholy
news of the approaching death of his son at
Brasby, & expects Lady North every minute
in Town. He is afraid that he must desire
his Majesty's permission to absent himself
from St James's this morning where he
certainly ought to attend with the H^o
of Commons to present the address to
his Majesty. He did not return home
from the House last night, but he

supposed ^{that} Mr Robinson felt a ~~stated~~
of the debate & the divisions. L. J. Canning's paper
seconded the motion for the address
which gov^t's ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~contradictory~~, &
then made his other motion which
debated with many courses on the
Ministry, but with general ~~warm~~ ^{warm} ~~expressions~~
-ions of zeal for the public, & readiness
to contribute by every means to the
defence & support of the nation. The conduct
of the Opposition was as handsome as
could be expected.

Friday June 18th.

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Ld North finds that Mr Robinson's
paper was not sent last night, &
has sent it in the Post together with
a fair Draught of an answer to the
Adchep of the H^o of Commons, as Ld
North may, for the reason before mentioned,
be prevented from attending at St James's.
which, however, his present purpose is
to do, if he possibly can.

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