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Lord North, The different papers from America shew very clearly that had not Spain now thrown off the Mask that we should have soon found the Colonies sue for pardon to the Mother Country; I do not yet despair that with the activity Clinton is inclined to adopt, and the Indians in their Rear, that the Provinces will even now submit.

I hope Lord North will forward Lord Sandwich's wishes concerning the Bill for taking off for the present minute the exemptions by particular Acts of Parliament from serving on Board of the Fleet, I seems to think the Attorney General adverse to the Measure; I trust Lord North will not at a serious moment as the present be led a way from what seems so very necessary a measure. I trust the House will set every day but Sunday to expedite business as much as possible.

I owne the Chancellor's language yesterday did not please me, Lord North's explanation does not amend it; the

the strongest shews that the independency of America is still
avowed by the Opposition; it is no compliment when I
say Lord Gower would be a poor substitute to Lord Chatham
I cannot approve of such a measure. What I said
yesterday was the dictates of frequent and severe
self examination, I never can depart from it.
before I will ever hear of any Man's readiness to
come into Office I will expect to see the signed
under his hand that he is resolved to keep the Empire
entire and that no troops shall be consequently
withdrawn from thence; nor Independence ever allowed.

As to the Advice of the Intentions of France
and Spain; whenever an attempt is made on Ireland
I should think they will also make one on this
Island to keep men's minds in suspence and
consequently try to work on the passions, when
a few ragged Highlanders could alarm the Nation
there is no doubt 20,000. Men landed in England
and 10,000. in Ireland would cause great fear.

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I owne the Chancellor's language yesterday did not please me, Lord North's explanation does not amend it; the Protest shews that Independency of America is still avowed by the Opposition; it is no compliment when I say Ld. Gower would be a poor substitute to Ld. North; I cannot approve of such a measure. What I said yesterday was the dictates of frequent and severe self examination, I never can depart from it; ~~before~~ before I will ever hear of any Man's readiness to come into Office I will expect to see it signed under his hand that He is resolved to keep the Empire entire and that no Troops shall be consequently withdrawn from America, nor Independence ever allowed.