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I cannot give a stronger proof of my desire to forward any wish of Lord North's, than in cheerfully undertaking, if the Attorney General comes this day to resign, ^{to employ} every argument that I may think capable of persuading him to remain in my service; but I never can subscribe to the idea that Lord North will be helpless and unsupported, if I should not succeed; I feel and not without well grounded proof, that the want of support Lord North has complained of, has greatly arisen from jealousy of the Attorney's too great influence; besides the arrangement I have just made for the Lord Advocate solely arose from doubt whether the Attorney would continue, and consequently that Lord North might be certainly an able debater at all times in the House of Commons; no man has a right to talk of leaving me at this hour.

The bishops may kiss hands this day.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, possibly a letter or document fragment.]