

John Robinson

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Mr Robinson had the Honour to receive your Majesty's Commands at his return last night from Bury park, where he went to report the Conversation he had with the Duke of Northumberland, and to meet Sir Richard Aeron and Mr Beresford, to discourse with Lord North on the Affairs of Ireland.

Mr Robinson ever afraid of presuming too much on your Majesty's Goodness, avoided entering into a detail of the Conversation, with the Duke of Northumberland, but Mr Robinson hopes it may not be disagreeable to your Majesty, to permit him to say, that he had stated to the Duke, the first Idea suggested by your Majesty, and also something similar to the third; that the Duke

Duke seemed to think, that altho' the Zeal & Ardour
of the Gentlemen were great, yet the first might
be loading them too much, if the County should
hereafter be called upon to double their Militia,
or to raise a greater Number, but he liked the
third Idea of raising a considerable Corps of Horse,
by the Gentlemen's raising, arming, and paying them
at their own Expence, and hoped a very considerable
Number might be so raised. His Grace stated
an Idea of His, of forming a considerable Body
of Volunteer Companies in the several Parishes
of Westminster to guard and protect that City
and preserve the Peace thereof; but did ^{not} mention

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Hopes of volunteer Companies to the Middlesex Militia;
Though stated another proposition of getting Gentlemen
to be active in their parishes, and of giving Bounties
to Persons who shall discover lurking Seamen, and
give such Information as shall enable them to be
impressed. His Grace is to be with Lord North at
Bushy Park this Day at 12.° to talk further on
the Subject, Mr Robinson is going thither, and he
will not fail to lay before Lord North, and
afterwards before the Duke of Northumberland,
Your Majestys Sentiments on this Occasion; which
will guide their Conduct.

Syn Hill
12th July 1779
10° A. M.

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