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Lord North has the honour of transmitting to his Majesty a letter from Sir Thomas Egerton who has upon this occasion as upon every other, shown the most zealous & disinterested public spirit. His friends in Lancashire have always kept pace with him, & therefore, Lord North hopes that it will not be thought necessary to check their ardour by the report of a blue jaw, especially as all the regiments raised

in that County. viz: The Liverpool Blues  
in the last rebellion, The County Militia,  
The Manchester & Liverpool Regiments,  
now subsisting, have had that uniform  
without exception.

Lord North received the other  
inclosure yesterday from the Duke  
of Arcafter, & promised his Grace  
to transmit it immediately to his  
Majesty.

The Duke of Northumberland has  
paid a great part of his morning at  
Bosby, & has resolved to prepare at the

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County meeting tomorrow. First a subscrip-  
-tion for giving a bounty to persons  
a reward to those who discover &  
give information of seafaring men  
who abscond, 2<sup>d</sup> a subscription to promote  
the raising of volunteer companies for  
the militia. 3. an appointment to find  
a certain number of men & horses, if  
called upon. & 4<sup>th</sup> an appointment to  
come forth & serve for the protection  
of Peace of the County & Administration  
in case the situation of affairs  
should render it necessary to employ

the Guards elsewhere, & they should not  
be replaced by any other military force.  
This case will, probably happen, if an  
invasion should take place, & the  
preservation of the peace of the Capital  
will then be a point of the first  
importance.

Lord North has not yet heard of  
the messengers he sent round the  
Lingue - Ports, but hopes that he  
shall be able on Wednesday to  
acquaint his Majesty with what army  
he depended upon there

Bushy Park. July 12. 1779.

For Mr. Sutherland  
- General about with  
Mr. Duke of North  
& Lord of North  
some papers to be  
sent by me to  
the Duke of North