

H. M. to Lord North

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The Account of Charles Town is very probable; but that the combined Fleets should exceed 50. Ships of the Line I do not credit; but be it as it will, I think an Action highly desirable; with the advantage of Haman Ships which is much in our favour, the Enemy cannot fail of receiving much Damage, and the Likelihood is so near our Ports that our disabled Ships have a safe retreat
I return the Warrants to Lord North having signed them.

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