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The King to L^d. North.

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Lord North, Having desired Lord George Gorman to lay before the Meeting this day, the account of the D. of Richmond's conduct, as related by Gentlemen who had attended the Assizes, and also Lord Pembroke to produce the Letters that have passed concerning the Driving the Cattle in Sussex, should an Enemy Land; I thought it right to enable you to state it as my opinion that it is dangerous at this critical moment to continue the D. of Richmond Lord Lieutenant of that County; that Lord Pelham's name could not fail of pleasing the Old friends of the late D. of Newcastle and that this mark of favour to that Lord will enable his eldest Son who is a very promising young Man to be very useful in that County. I know some may talk of prudential considerations, but in difficult times it is more necessary to prevent evil, and as such it is not safe to let the D. of Richmond be in an executive Office with his disposition to clog the wheels of Government, and if he sees an opportunity to encourage insurrections; his conduct is authenticated by his own Letters therefore if he is not removed, his example may very probably

probably be followed by others; your good senses must
point out this strongly that I think it unnecessary to say
any thing farther on this subject.