

H. L. to Lord North.

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On the 6. P.M.
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Lord North, It seems right I should apprise
you, that I have directed Lord Ankerst to lay
before the Cabinet Meeting tomorrow the letter
he has received from D. Pittam. containing
an account of the very factious (at best)
conduct of the D. of Richmond at the Meeting
he had as Lord Lieutenant & Summoner, when he
expressly declared his disapprobation of
the Proclamation a resolution not to aid
or give any direction for driving the latter
if this conduct is not checked it is not to be
supposed that any traitor in any County
will act, in support of such a one; I do not
see after so public an affront an instance of
disobedience of orders how it is possible for
any

any to object to his being removed and I think
it a measure not only right in itself but that
at this hour it would be highly dangerous
to continue him Lord Lieutenant of Sussex,
the Proposal he makes of raising 200000
will enable him to bring forward his own
Creatures, he ought therefore to be pro-
displaced and Dr. Selham will find the
proper persons to be brought forward
on this occasion. I can never admit the
idea that this expedition is wrong because
it should make other Opposition Lords
Resign their Lieutenancies, if this
would attract them to such a step the
honour that office of dignity is in
more friendly hands in every County
the better.