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Lord North has the honour of  
informing his Majesty that, he has  
learned from Mr Seene that three  
Hundred of the artificers & workmen  
employ'd by the Board of Works  
have offer'd themselves to be associated  
& trained upon the same footing as the  
Westminster & Middlesex Corps. to be em-  
ploy'd in keeping the peace of this  
City & County; Their Officers to be  
the Master-artificers. Although this

cept promised the full as useful as  
the Twenty four Widdell's Companies  
Mr Keene does not think it proper to  
take any step towards forming it till  
he is apprized of your Majesty's  
pleasure, & has chosen ~~to~~ mention the  
business to his Majesty: Lord North has  
heard likewise that Mr Sheridan & Mr  
Harris have it under their consideration  
to form a company on the same plan  
out of the tradesmen & workmen dependant  
upon the theatres. There is to be a meeting  
tomorrow of the American Refugees, to elect

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= mine upon offering their services in a Corps  
to continue on foot during the present exigency.

Mr Patterson call'd yesterday upon Lord  
North, & inform'd him that he believed  
their number were about 300, 200 of  
which were gentlemen. Lord North believes  
that they mean to take a great part of the  
expence upon themselves, but the plan  
is to be digest'd & settled tomorrow, & Lord  
North supposes that the offer of their  
services will be made immediately  
after.

Lord North has, in obedience to his Majesty's  
commands (which he received some time ago) sent

to the Secretary of State's office to prepare an  
appointment for Mr Arnold to a lanomy of  
wind ser in the room of S. North

Wednesday next

Office of the Secretary of State  
London

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