

Ld. North.

Oct. 18 1779

3556

Ld North has the honour of informing
his Majesty that he has written to
Ld Sturmont that Carlisle upon the
subject which he had his Majesty's
commands to mention to them. That he
expects to see Ld Sturmont on Thursday
morning, & probably, may see Ld Carlisle
^{a day or two}
~~the day~~ after, unless Ld Carlisle should
do what he fears, viz. send a negative
immediately by letter.

Ld North does not believe that Ld
Weymouth will resign, but his concerns

tion with Lord North was very dispond-
-ing: He said that in obedience to his obla-
-tary's absolute command, he would remain
in his Majesty's service, because he would
be ready to sacrifice his life upon that
principle, but he kept his place contrary
to his better judgement, & with a full
conviction that the continuation of the
present system would speedily produce
the ruin of his Majesty's affairs. Lord
North does not pretend to repeat any
words of Lord Weymouth, but ~~he~~ thinks
that the general purport of his
conversation was to this effect.

Ld. North

Weymouth

out of

in aff

active

in Pa

& that

his w

from

is in

of mee

Lan

he ca

on We

Ld. North.

Oct. 18 1779

3556 (2)

Ld North's opinion is that Lord
Weymouth will, from point of honour, &
out of duty to his Majesty, remain
in office, but that he will give no
active assistance either in office or
in Parliament to the course of government,
& that this will be his conduct not from
his wishing ill to the administration, but
from his conviction that all we can do
is in vain, & that nothing but a change
of men can save the country.

Ld North is detained a day longer than
he expected, but will be in Town
on Wednesday night, & after seeing Lord

Stomont on Thursday morning, will pay
his duty to his Majesty at St. James's after
the drawing room.

Walden Oct: 18. 1779.

Ed. North
Walden Oct. 18th 1779