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Address to the  
Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 1779

I called on the Chancellor this morning,  
& he afterwards came to my office, where  
I had a long conversation with him. — He  
has neither seen or heard any thing from  
Lord North except at Paris by Des-  
prieux & he said he was persuaded he would  
not send to him to have any confidential  
conversation with him. He spoke in per-  
fect temper, but he represented Lord  
North's conduct as very bad indeed & mentioned  
some circumstances, of which I had never  
been apprized. He knew nothing of the  
last transaction between your Majesty &  
Lord Bute; he said that so far from  
being surpris'd at this & Lord Gower's  
resignation



Resignation, the wonder it had not hap-  
pen'd long before. He spoke very handsomely  
of both of them but blamed the Conduct  
of Lord Weymouth. — He said more than  
once that he did not think that Lord  
North would meet the Parliament, in which  
I disagree with him; & if he did meet  
it, he thought he would be beat on some  
personal Question. I propos'd him earnestly  
to consider whether some Resignation could  
not be obtain'd; & I urg'd this in a variety  
of ways, observing that Lord Gower & Lord  
Weymouth ought first to have tried this,  
& not to have resign'd unless your Majesty  
had declar'd some Proposition that appear'd  
to them to be reasonable; but if the Opposi-  
tion was unreasonable, they ought on their  
account to have stay'd the closer to you

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His Majesty's Government, as well as I could collect his opinion from a long conversation it was as follows.

That it was very difficult to find Men of Ability any where; - That there was no breaking with the Buckingham's for various reasons - That it might be possible to meet with the Duke of Grafton & Lord Camden, & with Lord Shelburne & perhaps with the Duke of Rutland; but that he had any thing of their opinions that could be depended on; They would probably insist on the Exclusion of some of your Majesty's present Governours; & of bringing in the Buckingham's with them, though they would not agree long & a Government so form'd would not probably be of long Duration. He seem'd to have another Dissimulation to be himself.



himself a Rejoinder; that he was un-  
for a day that he was totally ignorant of  
Persons of Character, - that such a Busy  
and subjected a Man to Conclusions, per-  
haps of Injustice; - that it was  
on his account that he had spoken up  
openly to your Majesty that he should  
otherwise have done.

He is determined to go on;  
though he repeated that he did not think  
Lord North would meet the Parliament; he  
spoke favorably of Lord St. John; he said  
he knew nothing of Lord Albemarle, but  
he did not object to him. This was the  
general matter of our Conversation; if I  
recalled any further particulars, I will  
tell them to your Majesty, when I pay  
my Duty to you on Wednesday.

Your Majesty's  
Duty Subject  
L. Pemberton