

Mr. Jenkinson  
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It is probable that your Majesty  
heard yesterday from Lord North the  
general purport of the Conversation  
he had with the Chancellor the eve-  
ning before, I think it might however  
be for your fuller Information to  
acquaint your Majesty that Lord  
North said to his Friends upon the  
Chancellor leaving him, that the  
Chancellor had changed his  
ground, since he was with him the  
time before, that he endeavour'd to  
intimidate him, that he talk'd of  
the Danger & Disgrace of reducing  
your Majesty & your Government  
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to be left with a Minority in both  
Houses of Parliament. He ask'd Lord  
North if he thought himself able  
to carry on the Government, when a  
Rebellion in Ireland was added to our  
other Difficulties; He ask'd Him also,  
whether he was sure that the Dundasses  
would vote with Him; This last Que-  
sion your Majesty may be sure, was  
at the suggestion of Mr. Highby, whom  
the Chancellor had just left. I am  
more & more persuaded that it is  
the Plea of the whole of this Party for  
since Lord North out of your Majes-  
ty's Service. Those who have resign'd, will  
act more openly; Those who do not  
choose to resign, will pursue other  
Methods; They will suffer some of  
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They most distant Connections for  
vote against Him, & they will endeavor  
to get them to talk against Him; They  
will never directly advise your Ma-  
jesty to dismiss Lord North, but they  
will endeavor to make Lord North's  
leaving your Service to be your Ma-  
jesty's fault, or His own; & for this pur-  
pose they will do every thing they can  
by Representation & Libellations.  
I humbly apprehend that your Ma-  
jesty's line of Conduct in this very un-  
usual Moment is clear, To be always  
for strengthening your Government with  
Men of Abilities & Character from any  
Party & to declare so. but never to  
be the Instrument for disturbing your  
Majesty's present Ministry, till you  
see a probability of forming a new  
one

one better than the present, or of in-  
dancing by any Means Lord North for  
resign, unless from a sense of his  
situation he makes it his own Choice.  
No Wise or Honest or Disinterested  
Man would advise the Destruction of  
an existing Government though weak,  
in order to take the chance of form-  
ing a better, when things are brought  
into a State of Confusion. Lord North  
speaks in the highest Terms of the Pa-  
per your Majesty gave Him; He doubts  
whether the Bishop of Salisbury had  
not a Hand in it; He should think  
to be Lord Mansfield's (as he says  
is very much in His Style) but He  
cannot conceive how Lord Mansfield  
could

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could have been with your Majesty  
between the Wednesday Evening & the  
Thursday Evening, when He says it  
must have been drawn.

I asked whether Lord  
North was going on to pick up the  
Occasional Offices, I was answered in  
the negative, as He did not think  
it right to do so, which Affairs  
were in the present State of Unas-  
sailability.

From

Your Majesty's  
Duty & Obedience  
L. Kennington

