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Ld North has been inform'd by Mr
Crawford that it has been lately settled
that when Officers in the Guards being sent
= ally in America joined to companies, they
continue in America, & do not return as
formerly to Europe, that, in consequence
of this regulation, It is not probable that
his Brother's term of service of America
will come soon. Mr Crawford related this
to Ld North, after Ld North had

related to him what his Majesty has said
to Lord North upon the subject of L.¹

Ed: Crawford, & which Lord North thought
himself at liberty to do, & hopes he has not
done anything which his Majesty will dis-
approve: Mr Crawford had another

reason for declining upon this subject with
Lord North; he knows that his Brother
is averse from the service of the East
Indies, & is conscious that the exchange
proposed with Mr Phipps has
proceeded from his impatience of Lord North's

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The truth is that Lieut. Col. Crawford is
so high in the Guards, & foresees so little prospect
of early advancement in India, that he is
sorry for the bargain his brother has made
which he did upon despising of Lord
North's applying to his Majesty that he
might keep his situation in the Army.

His Majesty knows better than any body
how far Mr Crawford is well inform'd
as to the rule in the Guards. Lord North
hears for his Majesty's displeasure
troubling him again on this business
but as this difficulty arose in some measure

from his fault, he thinks it will be expected
of him by the two Gentlemen concerned

Friday Jan: 28.

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W. G. Cropper