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After I came this Evening from the
House I saw Mr Robinson who told me
of the Interview at the Opera House, which
was brought about by the Intervention
of Mr Sheridan & all that passed between
Lord North & Mr Fox; all that was said
by the latter was evidently with a view
to intimidate & Lord North should have
considered it & treated it as such. I think
it clear from all this, that Opposition
want to treat & for some reason or other
are afraid to go on; & for this reason they
come so readily into the ^{long} Adjustment pro-
posed. Lord North should never have con-
sented to Mr Fox that he wished to retire,
even if it was true, which I confess I
don't think it is. I trust that your Ma-
jesty's Privy Council will make His Lordship re-
cover his spirit, which has on this occasion
given way. He is too fond of having it
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believed that the coherence in office contrary
to His Inclination, & that the Success of the
opposition is not owing to any obstinacy
of His.

It is clear that the Irish Priest, who is
Lord Hillsborough's spy, is at the same time
in the Confidence of Mr Stender, who told
His all that He told Lord Hillsborough. The
Story of this Interview will soon, I fear, be
generally known, & Lord North will be represented
as the Person who sought it, & when it gets
to the Ears of the other Ministers, they will
all be offended, particularly the Chancellors. I
think therefore that Lord North should without
Loss of Time communicate the whole to the
Chancellors at least, & I have advised Mr
Robinson to show Himself in Lord Hillsborough's
way, & when His Lordship tells Him the News
He had learnt from His spy, He, Mr Robinson,
should advise His Lordship to tell the
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whole immediately to Lord North, as this
would alarm him & be the Means of putting
him on his Guard; I conceive that Lord North
is to see Mr Fox again, & to report what
passed with your Majesty; & this inclines me
humbly to advise your Majesty to be very
careful of the Conversations you have with him,
& to hold such sort of general Language as you
used to hold before Christmas.

I have no Idea what Lord
North means by the Conspirators, that are to be
tried in the County of Middlesex.

I came to this Place late
this Evening, which is the reason that I re-
ceived your Majesty's Note so late, & with I
hope serve as an Apology for not having an-
swered it sooner.

From your Majesty's
Dutiful Subject

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Addressed to the Place

April 14th

1/2 past 11 p.m.

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