

Ld North

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rel. to some secret business  
then a conversation.

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Lord North received the honour  
of his Majesty's commands by Lord  
Dartmouth but having given his promise  
not to mention any circumstance of the  
business except to his Majesty, he  
thinks that he can not, in honour,  
make any further communication  
relating to it. Nothing having pass'd  
but a mere conversation, which is not  
to be follow'd by any other interview  
or negotiation, or indeed, by any consequence

whatsaver. If some suspicion should  
get abroad, the talk will soon be laid  
but no person will ever trust Lord  
North again, if he should divulge the  
transaction without the permission of  
the other party.

Bushy Park. April 17.