

H. N. to Lord North

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Lord North's information concerning the Speaker must be the most exact; at St. James's I heard this day that his son had told Lord Sandwich that the Speaker had at last resolved on the united recommendation of his family and Physicians to resign, and consequently not to attend the House but write a letter for that purpose to Mr. Watson. Nothing can bring the present crisis to a more immediate issue than the question to be proposed tomorrow by Mr. Dunning, but I trust the Members will see that the carrying it would dissolve the Government, and consequently that it will be rejected.

Lord North's language to Mr. De Grey yesterday was most proper; I authorize him therefore to accept of the Chief Justice's Resignation if it is simple and without conditions, but if it is to be accompanied with an expectation of an immediate Reversal, it cannot be received.

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