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Lord North has the honour of inclosing  
for his Majesty's perusal several letters of  
importance; Lord North has had some by  
him for a few days, but during the hurry  
of the last week had not time to consider  
them; The rest he has just received.

With respect to Mr Walpole, He call'd  
in Downing Street just before he went to  
Paris, & offer'd his services, if he could be  
of any use with his friends towards any  
point that might benefit Great Britain.

particularly, towards forwarding the good work  
of Peace to which he knew that many of the  
French Ministry were well inclined. Lord  
North expecting little good from such a nego-  
-ciation, & less from such a negotiator, eluded  
the discourse, & civilly declined accepting of  
Mr Walpole's offers of service. Mr W. wrote  
Lord N. a letter just before his departure re-  
-peating his offer, which Lord N. explicitly  
declined, because the moment was not favour-  
-able; This was the purport of Lord North's  
letter, to which he did not expect a reply;

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but Mr W. has since his arrival at Paris  
wrote the two inclosed letters to Lord North,  
who, on his part, has as yet wrote nothing to  
Mr W. The letters may be of use towards ex-  
-plaining Dr. Bancroft's letter to Mr Woul-  
-worth which is inclosed, as well as the 8<sup>th</sup>  
former letters which have been communicated  
to his Majesty.

Lord North has the honour to send his  
Majesty the letters he has lately received  
from Lord Buckingham, as well as one  
he received yesterday from Lord Carlisle  
& begs to receive his Majesty's pleasure;

whether his Majesty will permit him or  
Lord Carhile to say to Mr Eden what Lord  
Lord Carhile suggests in his first propo-  
-sition. The second L<sup>d</sup> N<sup>e</sup> communicated some time  
ago to him, with his Majesty's permission, & he  
at the same offered to leave him for some time  
in possession of his seat at the Board of Trade

Bushy Park

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