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St James's Sept 23^d
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I most heartily rejoice in the account your Majesty is so good as to give me of the Measures continuing so well. I would not trouble your Majesty yesterday with any thing disagreeable but I now find that Lord North has wrote to your Majesty, & therefore it becomes a necessary the painful part of my Duty to give your Majesty an account of what passed in a Conversation I had with him on Thursday Morning I shall confine myself for many Reasons to a bare Narration of the Substance of what passed. I spoke to Lord North very much to the effect of what I had presumed to say to your Majesty. Lord North

Ed North said that an Arrangement was taken
with Ed Advocate in favour of Ed Glencairn
and that the Advocate had been
authorized to give Ed Glencairn a Promise
in case he assisted in I know not what
elections, and that the Advocate even
complained that a Treachery had not been
made on purpose for Ed Glencairn.

I was very much struck & after a considerable
Pause which gave me Time to recollect
myself said that from that Moment I
revoked all Idea of Ed Cathcart, that
whenever I found myself called upon to
support the Station in which your Majestys
goodness had placed me, and to oppose
what I conceived to be prejudicial to your
Majestys Service I would take care to
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the suspicion, may beyond the possibility of a
partial bias. I observed to them that there
were in my judgment many strong objections
in point of wisdom & dignity to this sort
of bargain and that I should think it
my duty to state them to your Majesty.
I told them I was sure this arrangement
had not the previous sanction of your
Majestys approbation, that it had been
taken without the least communication
with me who by my situation was the
official and did not expect to be a
mere nominal channel. That I was
free to own that I should ever deem it
the duty of one who holds a great office
to be watchful to preserve it such as the
received it. I added that if the Secretary
for the Northern Department and who when

he happens to be senior as in my case has what
is called the official Lead in the House of
Lords, was to have no voice in matters of this
kind, it was impossible for them so unconsciously
to appear there with credit to himself or to
be of the least use to the Service. That if it
was found expedient that I should advocate
Recommendation should decide things of
this nature, if it was thought proper
he should have such powers, it was
better that he should be placed in a
situation that justified them.

I do not doubt in this conversation was very
short, he dwelt solely upon the arrangement
actually taken and spoke of it all along
as the might have done of an arrangement
in the Treasury.

I am the more surprised at what is now
said of an arrangement in I do suppose time
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and the not apprehending there would be any vacancy except that made by Lord Boyle. because I rec^d a letter of the 5th Inst from I^d North which I take the Liberty to inclose.

It grieves me exceedingly that these misunderstandings never can happen without adding to Your Majestys Trouble & vexation, and hurting Your Service. There is nothing upon Earth I would not do to contribute to Your Majestys Ease. but I think it greatly for Your Interest that men employed under Your Majesty in high office, should without any mixture of Passion or Humour, calmly and steadily preserve the Honour & Dignity of their own characters.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of lined paper, possibly a letter or document.]