

H. M. to Ld. North. (evidently a reply to 3976. q. v.)

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Andoubtedly there appeared some difficulty in getting  
quit of Mr. Walpole's offer without an absolute refusal  
of all propositions of a Pacific Nature; but Ld. North  
hasso cautiously and ably drawn his answer to that  
Gentleman that He has certainly overcome it; I own  
if Mr. Walpole was not an avowed Enemy to the  
present Administration, I should not think him  
the possessor of those qualities which are  
essential in a prudent and able Negotiator;  
I shall only add one reflection that whilst  
the House of Bourbon make American  
Independence an Article of their Propositions  
no one can ever make Me be a Partner  
in such a Negotiation.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]*

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