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Within these few Minutes I have received Lord North's letter accompanying the Secret he has received from M^r. Necker; it shews France is certainly in greater difficulties than we imagined or she would by such various Channels seem to court Peace; no one has more inclination or interest in wishing so desirable an event as myself provided it can be obtained on honourable and solid terms; with France it easily to be settled if they would desist from encouraging Rebellion, and not add to her insults by wanting to effect Independency which whether under its apparent name, or a ~~truce~~ is the same in reality; till she gives up that view, I do not see how Peace can be a safe measure.

I do not doubt but the embarrassments with Holland must to a degree affect the new Loan, but as it is not our fault Lord North must do for the best and not repine at the evil that arises from the conduct of faithful Allies not from either the wish or heat of our Councils.

