

Ld. North

Thursday Dec. 28 1780

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Lord North has been so long delay'd  
in the Country, that he is not arriv'd  
time enough to have any hopes of  
paying his duty at St James's today  
without detaining his Majesty later  
that may be agreeable to him. He has  
therefore taken the liberty to send him  
the names of such members of the  
House of Commons, who appear to  
him to answer most nearly the

description in his Majesty's letter  
of a Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen.  
He understands that it is wished that  
the person should be of a noble family,  
nearly related to a Peer, of gentle  
manners, good character, a married  
man, & not very young. Among the  
members of the House of Commons  
who are attached to Government,  
there appears to him but few persons  
who seem likely to do, & of these Lord North  
doubts whether it will suit any but

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one. The four names are

Major Gen<sup>l</sup> John

Ld Algonnon Percy

M<sup>r</sup> Talbot

M<sup>r</sup> de Grey.

He believes that the second & the  
third will object to the conspiracy,  
& that M<sup>r</sup> de Grey will not choose  
to quit his seat at the Board of  
Trade. Gen<sup>l</sup> John will probably  
not object to resign his present place  
for this exchange, but Ld North can  
not speak positively, as he has not

thought it right to give the least  
hint, before he has received their  
Majesty's pleasure.

Lord North has been perplexed  
upon a subject, which he is ashamed  
to mention to his Majesty, but does  
not know where else to address himself  
- viz. Mr Brunner, Lord North's  
secretary is a military agent, & is very  
ambitious of the agency of Prince Fred-  
erick's regiment. Lord North has <sup>had</sup> so long  
a connexion with Mr Brunner, that he  
should be very happy to quit him and his situation.

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in this point. Ld North has given  
orders for the Warrant for the establish-  
ment to be made out, & for the £ 2000  
for Lieut. Col: Gotham; He does not  
know in what part of the ward Mr North  
is at present, but he expects him  
every day, & will order him to wait upon  
their Majesties, & return his thanks  
for their good use to him, as soon  
as the first opportunity offers, & their  
Majesties approve of his paying  
his duty to them.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1781

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