

H. N. to Lord North

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I return the Papers Lord North put a few days ago into my hands; I have enquired into the actual value of the See of Litchfield and find that the Annuals Lands Receipt amounts to £1500. that the renewals of leases and other advantages have one year with another amounted to £1500. more, that the Bishop has not overstrained his Leases nor hurried on the letting them, that he will therefore leave it in good plight and that he thinks it cannot justly be valued at less than the whole fairly at £2500. per Annum; I should think therefore the Chancellor when Lord North states this to him will willingly accept of it for his Brother, and let him resign the Temple; I doubt whether he would give up the living of Blankenham which is nearly as good as the Addition of income the Bishop will get by the change.

Lucas Stone

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[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]

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