

H. H. to Lord North

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Queen's House May 17th 1751.

The enclosed is the letter I have received from Lady Gower
which I mentioned this morning to Lord North; since he left me
I have seen the D. of Atholl, who stated to me a Bill
to explain the agreement made whilst Mr. Grenville
preside at the Board of Treasury concerning the Fish of
Man, ^{and} to define the Sovereign and Manorial Rights;
He claims the fisheries, pretends they are of the latter
kind, wanted me to decide they were so; I said I had
never heard of this new Bill, that he could not expect
I should give any opinion whilst unacquainted with
the subject, that the Public had bought the warning
that I had no right to give up whatever I should prove
to be such, that I would acquaint Lord North with
what he had said, and that he the D. of Atholl, or
either demand the fisheries or not as may be thought
equitable by Lord North and the Attorney and Solicitor
General; I therefore desire if Lord North is not decided
as to the point that he will with them fix what is
right and notify in the course of the day the past that
will be taken by the servants of the Crown in Parliament to the
Baker who says he will act agreeably to such decision; I should quite by his own state
that he has no equitable claims

17 May 1781

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