

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of informing
his Majesty, That Lord Newborough's affairs
being so ruined that it is impossible for
him to live in England, & highly improbable
that he will ever be able to return,
it is become necessary to appoint a new
auditor of Wales, & Lord North humbly
recommends Mr Johns, Member for
Radnorshire, as his successor. If
his Majesty approves this appointment
Mr Johns will have the honour of signing

his Majesty's hand today, Wednesday: or this day
evening.

The Duke of Athol's business has been
now depending two years. He brought in
an act of Parliament last year, which
was refer'd to the Attorney & Solicitor
General, who made as favourable a
report for his Grace as possible,
but he was not satisfied with it, & with-
-drew the Bill; The present Bill has been
refer'd to the Attorney & Solicitor General
who have thoroughly consider'd it with
every disposition to listen to his Grace's

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claims; The Treasury have heard his objections to ~~some~~ ^{those} parts of the report, which he disputes, & are ready to give way wherever they can; but, as the agreement made between the Crown & his father was confirmed by an act of Parliament, that act is the only proper interpretation of the intention of the agreement, & the Lords of the Treasury can not take upon themselves to put a different meaning upon that act than what the Law Officers of the Crown have put upon it. They have, however, been ready to attend to every one

of the Duke's objection which has any
colour; In that view, they have been willing
to give way to the demand of the Salmon
fishery, ^{in the Pays,} because the word, Fisheries, is
found among the reservations, although
the Mr. & Mr. Gen. seem to think that
by that reservation he is intitled only
to the River fisheries. The principal
point in dispute is the Herring Customs
which both the Reports give to the Crown,
which the Parliament has appropriated
to the support of the Harbours in the Town
which was never redemanded by the late Duke,
& which there seems to be no pretence
for including amongst the rights