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Wandsnorth Hill Tuesday Night
Sept 11. 1781

Lord North's Letter arrived too late to be
sent to your Majesty before tomorrow Morning
The Messenger is ordered to be at Windsor by
Seven o'clock.

Your Majesty will see that Lord North thinks
that if this Note to Mr George Gordon has been
sent, the Measure proposed becomes impossible
I deem it my Duty to say that I cannot
subscribe to this opinion. This Note may
make some Variation necessary as to the
Mode of refusing the Book, but it does
seem to me most important that a Book
so announced should not be received by
Your Majesty, and I am bold to say that
the more fully the Matter is considered
the

the stronger and more forcible the
objections to receiving it will appear.
having already troubled your Majesty with
my sentiments so much at large, I will
not presume to say any thing further except
that I am persuaded that Lord North
has not yet considered the subject in its
full extent, and is not aware of the
mischief that certainly may and I doubt
must follow the establishing a precedent
so dangerous, and that too upon a point
where so from there being any rights there
is not so much as the shadow of a
claim

I am exceedingly sorry that I did not
understand your Majesty's intention to be
to ask L^d Willoughby's opinion and mine
if Lord North's answer ought to be stop'd
Had I conceived that to be the case I
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should have spoke without the least Hesitation
or Reserve, but not understanding that Question
to be put by your Majesty I moved not
from Belicancy and a proper attention to it
North go further than to say that I did not
approve the answer.

The Matter now under Consideration may to
a degree be affected by this Note, but should
not be decided by it if the thing is of that
Magnitude that it appears to me. If your
Majesty thinks proper that the deliberation
should be resumed upon Lord North's
Return to Town I will then give my
Sentiments fully upon it, and if I am not
much mistaken shall be able to show that
I rest my ^{unalterable} opinion upon firm and solid
Ground. I think it very unfortunate
that in considering a Point of this Nature
your Majesty's Confidential servants cannot
be assisted by the Chancellor & the President
but

but there will not I am afraid be time
to wait for their assistance.