

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of  
inclosing to his Majesty a letter from  
Lord Ligonier. He has received another  
from Lord Rochford, stating the poor  
circumstances in which he has been  
left by his uncle, & desiring Lord  
North to lay his situation before his  
Majesty, which he thinks he can not  
do better than by communicating the  
letter itself.

The Regius Professor of Civil Law

in the University of Cambridge having  
been vacated by the resignation of the  
Bishop of Gloucester whose letter is  
inclosed. Lord North has inform'd him-  
self of the proposed person in that  
University to succeed him, & he finds  
that there is but one candidate for  
the Professorship, S.<sup>r</sup> Joseph Jowett  
of Trinity Hall. He learns from the  
Arch Bishop of Canterbury, that the  
nomination of that Gentleman would  
be much approved at the University.

Mr Francis lately arriv'd from Bengal,

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proposes to pay his duty at the Louie to-  
=morrow; There have been some stories  
respecting his private conduct, much  
exaggerated by Mr Hastings, Mr Bar-  
=well & their friends, which have been  
reported to his disadvantage, but  
Lord North really thinks he has merit  
with the Public for his able &  
resolute support of Sir John Claverhouse  
who undauntedly endeavour'd to destroy  
that corrupt system prevailing in  
India, <sup>to</sup> which Mr Hastings has to  
speak in the softest terms, given  
too much support. Mr Francis can be of

great service by the information he can give  
& he has it likewise in his power to do  
considerable mischief, but he seems very  
well disposed, & willing to be directed in  
a proper & useful course. Lord North  
thought it right to apprise his Majesty  
of his intending to be at the Levant to-  
=morrow, & to submit to his Majesty whether  
without particularly distinguishing him  
which would be improper, it would not be  
right to receive him with that degree  
of notice, which would naturally be besto-  
=w'd upon any other person coming from  
a distant & important station after  
seven years service.