

H. M. to h^d. North

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12. P. 6. P. M.

Upon the present vacancy by the death of Lord Hawke I certainly mean to confer the Order of the Bath on Lord Ligonier which Lord North may acquaint him with; I have not as yet received the insignia of the Order from the Representatives of that Lord, and the absence of a Knight of that Order will make it impossible for me as yet to mention the time when I can with propriety invest Lord Ligonier.

Lord Rochford's situation is truly pitiable, he has drawn it up not ill, he certainly ought to have a Pension till otherwise provided for; Lord North must examine to what extent it has been usual to go, as far as my memory serves the Earls have generally had from 600. to 800.

I desire Lord North will direct the Instruments to be prepared appointing Dr. Joseph Bownell of Trinity Hall Regius Professor of Civil Law; but I expect the Gentleman is to engage to read Lectures, and not to turn this which was granted for the Improvement of the young Gentlemen at Cambridge into a sine cure which bears of

of late rather disgraced these Appointments.

Ld. North's ideas on Mr. Francis seem very condid
and are so consonant to my opinion, that I shall exactly
measure my reception of him tomorrow by that scale.

I quite agree that the retreat of Mr. D. to Ghent
shews his conduct is sincere.