

Ld. North

Samuel's Street, Nov: 16. 1784.

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Ld North, being a little indisposed, would wish to avoid, if possible, going abroad this week day, & begs his Majesty's permission to absent himself from St James's: He has the honour at the same time to send his Majesty a letter he has received from Lord Stormont with an inclosure from the Lord Justice Clerk: Ld North believes that the two gentlemen are well intitled to the favour which is ask'd for them, but he begs leave to suggest to his Majesty that this appears a most proper opportunity to begin the alteration in the Court of Session, which has

been so often recommended by the persons the
best acquainted with the State of Juris-
prudence in Scotland. It has been their
opinion, that the Lords of Session, ^{are too numerous,} & their
salaries too small, & that Justice would
be better administered, as well as the Judges
better provided for, if the number of Judges
were diminished, & the same sum of money
distributed among the remainder. Lord North
has always understood that eleven Judges,
instead of fifteen, would be able to administer
Justice in Scotland, & that the Scotch Bar
hardly affords a number of subjects suffi-
-cient to furnish a larger supply.