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Lord North's account that the Address was carried this Morning by a considerable Majority is very pleasing to me as it shews the House retains that spirit for which this Nation has always been renowned and which alone can preserve it in its difficulties, that some principal Members have unswayed in their sentiments as to the Measures to be pursued does not surprise me many Men choose rather to despair on difficulties than to see how to get out of them. I have already directed Ld. G. Gorman to put on paper the mode that seems most feasible for conducting the War that every Member of the Cabinet may have his propositions to weigh by themselves when I shall expect to hear their Sentiments separately that we may adopt a Plan and abide by it; fluctuating Councils, and taking up measures with wavering them with the whole of this complicated War must make us weak in every part; with the Assistance of Parliament I do not doubt if measures are well concerted a good End may yet be made to the War but if we despair certain ruin ensues.



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