

A. M. to Ld. North

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If Ld. North had opened the Boxes of Warrants which he sent
to Me on Thursday, and which I returned that Evening; he would
have found in one of them a Letter I wrote after having that
day seen Ld. G. Germain wherein I stated all that had
just; to this I refer Ld. North, and shall only remark
that Ld. North on that day had told Me that M^r. Know
had been with him some Days before with a Message
from Ld. G. Germain, to know whether he was or was not
to remain in Office, and that on Friday he meant to
talk the matter over with Ld. G. Germain; therefore when
Ld. George asked of Me the same question and complained of
the reception Ld. North had given to M^r. Know; I told him
Ld. North had just said he meant the next day (Friday)
to have a personal interview with Him; undoubtedly the
strange indecision on the Subject of Ld. G. Germain is not
creditable, and the more displeasing to Me who wish ever
to appear fair and Open, but who could not speak but half
words with Ld. George as Ld. North has chosen to keep
this Affair above six Weeks in the same State of indecision
which certainly has delayed the preparation for the next
Campaign: I shall only add that on one material point, I shall
ever coincide with Ld. G. Germain, that is against a Separation
from

from America, and that I shall never lose an Opportunity
of declaring that no consideration shall ever make Me in
the smallest degree an Instrument in a measure that
I am confident would annihilate the rank in which
His British Empire stands among the European States,
and would render My Situation in this Country below
containing an Object to Me.

I am sorry to find Mr. Dartmouth has had a
return of his disorder, I trust it is but slight.

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