

Ld. North

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Ld North thinks it his duty to inform
his Majesty, That from several persons
acquainted with the State of the County of
Inverness, He finds that it is apprehended
That, upon the vacancy caused by the
Death of Lieutenant General Innes, &c.
The Duke of Gordon may be inclined to
recommend his Brother Ld George Gordon.
& that the most likely means of preventing
it would be to persuade the Duke to re-
-commend Ld William, & to bring in

for the Sirie of Murray & James Grant.
Gen^l: Grant, or some other of that
family, whose interest join'd with the
Duke's would intirely command the
election.

If his Majesty would permit Sir
William to hold the office of Vice-adminis-
trator of Scotland, his Seat would be
vacated, & the family could not in that
case, refuse an arrangement to exclude
Lord George, whose election would be very
embarrassing, & mischievous.

That some complaints will be made by

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of the Scotch Peer is probable, but
Lord North has reason to think that
it will not be general, & that some
of them, considering the Nobility of the
Williams's Birth, would not deem it
any ground for complaint.

Lord North hopes that his Majesty
will excuse his inclosing a note which
will shew to his Majesty, how earnest
the family are that Lord William should
hold the office in his own name, &
which was written in consequence of

of Lord North's having expressed a
wish, that the application might be
made for the Duke of Gordon, & that
his Grace might hold it for his
Brother, if his Majesty would consent
to that appointment, & arrangement.

Saturday morn: Feb 9.

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