

H. M. to Lord North

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I should not be very sincere if I did not confess that I fear  
the appointment of Ld. Wm Gordon to so dignified an Office  
as Vice Admiral of Scotland will give well grounded  
disgust to the People of Scotland, he not being <sup>one</sup> of them  
and certainly his private Character not being much in his  
favour; if Ld. North can certify that the Ld. of Gordon  
will look on it in the same light as if given to him  
that may a little palliate it; I cannot deem any Application  
of Lt. Irwin in his favour a title to a Scotch Employment  
but before any thing is done it will be right for Ld. North  
to talk with Lords Hillsborough and Stormont, for if  
some Attention is shewn to the House of Lords by  
proper communication before Offices usually held  
in that House are filled up, I fear my service will  
not be benefited by such inattention. The Ld. Advocate  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> wrote to Ld. Stormont to desire care might  
be taken in framing the new Patent that the Deputy may  
not be nominated in future by the V. Admiral, as that  
Officer decides not only Admiralty Causes but other  
matters of moment; I have desired he will point out how  
this is to be done; this must therefore be notified to  
whomever get the Office that this change will be made.  
Ld. North must acquaint Mr. Ellis to attend on Monday for the Seals.

Dear Madam  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the purchase of a house for the use of the office of the Secretary of the Admiralty. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been referred to the Board of Admiralty, and they have resolved to purchase the same for the sum of £10,000. I have the honor to be, Madam, your obedient servant,  
John Boscawen