

Ld. North

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Lord North has the honour of sending to his Majesty a set of Warrants for his Royal signature if approved.

1. Reversion of the Office of Inspector of Prosecutions to Mr Robinson & Neville.
2. Special service Warrant out of the Society of Commons.
3. 1st Justice Patten.
4. 1st J^o Frederick.
5. A Pension revoking Mr Knox's Pension of £1200, & granting one of 600 to him, & one of £600 to his Wife. Mr Knox told Lord North that his Majesty had promised to lend Tachville to make that alteration in his Pension.

6. Appointment of Mr Douglas Esq. ^{to} be
of Hackney coaches in the room of Mr
Morton Plydell Esq. ^{resigned}.

Mr Douglas has been a Solicitor at the
Treasury for ^{more} than ten or eleven
years. He suffered a considerable loss, when
an Estate he had near Portsmouth was
taken from him to erect the new fortification.
He has many friends, & is a worthy man.
Mr Plydell, an old friend of Mr. Pitt's,
is in a very bad state of health, and
to live in London, & has therefore been for
some time desirous of quitting his office.

7. This article is submitted to his Majesty's
consideration. Mr James Macpherson has for

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many years been a most laborious & able writer
in favour of Government. The History of the
Opposition, The best defense of the American war,
& almost all the good pamphlets on the
side of administration were the production
of his Pen. When Ld North succeeded the
Duke of Grafton, he found Mr Macpherson
in the private list of Pensioners; He is now
in possession of a Pension of £ 500. a year, &
has lately lost the place of Secretary to the
Province of West Florida worth near 300^l
a year. He will certainly meet with no mercy
from the New administration, who are much
irritated against him. It is proposed to make
some provision for him in the following
manner. Three Pensions of 150^l each on the

Scotch Establishment in the names of Mrs
Anne & L^y Elizabeth Lindsay, & Tho^s Mack-
-gomerie Esq^r & one Pension of £150
on Lord Gage's List in the name of Jas^s
Willis Esq^r. These four pensions of £150 each
will produce in all above £500 nett.
Lord North thought he owed it to Mr Macpherson
to lay this matter before his Majesty, to draw
gracious attention he has the honour to sub-
-mit it.

8. This article is recommended as a charity to two persons
who have no other claim but age & ^{sickness} poverty. Matthew
Pogey is almost bed ridden, & Jane Holmes is near 70 years
old, but their only claim is being from these circumstances
in distress, & not likely to be any a burthen on his
Majesty. The Pensions in the Warrant are £50 per
each.

9. The four Pendants, who are recommended for £10 each

ann: each, are the daughters of Lieutenant Randall
 a very good & gallant Officer who was killed in the
 engagement on the Dogger Bank. They are left with
 their mother in the most extreme poverty; The Widow
 who is very infirm & not likely to live has a Navy
 Pension amounting to £20 or 30 a year. This is all the
 subsistence of the family now; when she dies they
 will have nothing; Lord North is sensible that
 these two Warrants may be considered as a breach
 of the rule laid down by his Majesty, but the small-
 ness of the sums, & the compassionate nature
 of the cases encouraged him to send them.

10. A Warrant for certain rewards to some of the inferior
 officers of the Board of Works, & the appraisers em-
 ploy'd in surveying the damages by the Pirates.

These rewards were settled some time ago, & ap-
 peard upon examination to be very reasonable.

N.B. Since Lord North began this note, the Warrant

for Mr Robinson's Pension has been brought to
him: In order to produce £1000 nett, the Pension
must be of £1500. as appears by an account an-
= nex'd. If his Majesty thinks the sum too high, it
will, upon the signification of his Majesty's pleasure
be reduced. Mr Robinson has inform'd Lord North that
he has chosen the Reversion of the Inspectorship of
Prosecutions from some doubt started by the Att. Gen.
of the legality of granting a reversion of the Comptroler-
= ship of the Customs, as it is prohibited by several
old acts of Parliament, though in fact it has
been frequently granted in reversion.

Tuesday even! 12 o'clock.

The warrant for 4545 (2)
P.L. Mr Arnold's Pension, which is inclosed
has been drawn in pursuance of his Majesty's
orders received from Mrs Ellis.

Lord North takes the liberty of adding some
papers relative to a claim of Lord Wey-
mouth which seems clearly just as far
as relates to his disbursements, but more
doubtful as to the salary.

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