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The Duke of Grafton presumes to acquaint his Majesty that he saw Lord North last night, who with every testimony of Zeal for the King's Service & support to his Administration, saw the Business too much involved for him to undertake so difficult a Post. The Letter inclosed which he received this morning speaks more strongly his mind than the D. of Grafton can attempt to deliver it: and he humbly submits to his Majesty whether it would not be more prudent that this offer should not be made publick by that Lord waiting on his Majesty at the Queen's house.

The Duke of Grafton, if his Majesty thinks proper, can easily send to stop Lord North, particularly as the suggestion came originally from himself.

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