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Sir

under a health so broken, as renders
at present application of mind totally impossible,
may I be permitted to prostrate myself, with
your Majesty's feet and most humbly
implore your Majesty's Indulgence and
Compassion, not to require of a most devoted
unfortunate servant what in his state
of weakness he has not the power to trace,
with the least propriety, for your Majesty's
consideration. The very few words my state
of nerves enables me to offer are, that if

Ed. C.

The Duke of Grafton can be prevailed upon
to remain at the head of the Treasury,
with a Chancellor of the Exchequer agreeable
to his Grace's success to your Majesty's affairs
in Parliament and in the Publick, would
be insured; this being, in my poor opinion,
the vital and indispensable part of an
Administration likely to procure ease and stability
to your Majesty's business. Namely, the Duke of
Grafton remaining where he is. Would
to Heaven, Sir, that I was able to put together
and submit any farther thoughts worthy
your Majesty's attention; unless most humbly,

Ld Chatham

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E. of Chatham

North End June 25. 1767.

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That it may please your Majesty think the
great offices of Lord Treasurer of the Council
and Master of Secretary of State might be
arranged in a manner the best to strengthen
and support this Idea. As to a health; to
which your Majesty's most gracious Goodness
gives too much weight; tho' I have the strongest
assurances of recovery, with proper time; it
is however as yet so little advanced as to
render activity, in the present, however, most
unhappily for me, an utter impossibility.
If, Sir, it please God to restore to me once
again health and the power of exertion;
activity for your Majesty's service, which

is my transcendent Duty would even be
my only glory. full with confusion to
lay before your Majesty, thoughts every
way so defective, permit me Sir, to recur
to your Majesty's experienced goodness and
humanity for pardon.

I am with the most profound Submission
and unfeigned Zeal

Sir

Your Majesty's
most dutiful and most
devoted Servant

North-End June 4th 1767
½ past 10: P.M.

Chatham.

Paper delivered by the
D. of Grafton July 2. 1767.
in his name & that of the
E. of Northampton

The Lord President and
the Duke of Grafton, after
the most serious consideration
& explicit Conversation in the
Closet, having fully urged the
Impracticability for them to
form in the critical Circumstances
of this Country a temporary
Administration from any
Collection of Individuals which
they should think fit to
recommend to His Majesty, it
becomes now essential for His
Majesty, tho' unwillingly, to
ask of the Earl of Chatham
whether he can devise any
Plan, by which the immediate
Execution of Government can
be carried on; for they cannot
with honor make any
application to any Divisions
of men, unappriz'd of His
Lordship's Ideas thereupon;
which

which, with the Resignations
in effect made, must leave
this Country without any
Government.