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The Duke of Grafton thinks it his Duty to let his Majesty know that Lord North seems much disinclined to the Office proposed to him, tho' he has not yet given his final Answer. His Lordship is to be at Court, where the Duke of Grafton, presuming on that which he was commended on a former occasion has said the King would see Lord North on the Subject. The Duke of Grafton greatly laments the unwillingness of persons in general to take upon them Offices that are in any shape responsible; & really considers this as has so represented it to Lord North, as a prejudice to his Majesty's Affairs. Lord Mansfield in a very polite manner has accepted the Proposition made to him, by the King's Command, & will attend it the Lewis, in case his Majesty does not place the Seals in Lord North's hands, which last the Duke of Grafton most humbly mentions as the measure on many Accounts the most to be wished for the King's Service.

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