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Duke of Grafton, Your letter has most agreeably surprised me, Lord North's accepting now promises a more hearty concurrence with my Administration than if he had at once conformed himself to what is so useful & honorable for my Service; I am ever glad to give you as much ease as the good Service will permit & indeed see no reason why you should not stay till Monday Evening at Easton. I don't like giving way to refinement yet it appears strongly to me as if Lord Halifax has caught at what I said regarding Lord North's friends & has been the means of obtaining Lord Guildford's consent for I know no one has so much weight with him.

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