

Jan. 1. x  
Indes. intelligence from Mr.  
Wentworth  
Ld. Chatham's separation  
from the opposition  
x. Mistake of docket.

Wrongly placed & unnumbered -

Ld. North

Feb. 1 1778

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Lord North has the honour of inclosing  
some extracts of great importance from letters  
written to Mr Wentworth from France  
Lord North imagines that the news  
of Lord Chatham's separation from the  
opposition must have come to His  
Majesty's ears, He believes the report  
to be perfectly true, as Mr Fitzroy is  
said to have been told this piece of in-  
-telligence last night by the S: offic-  
-er. Although Lord Chatham's eyes

& infirmities do not render, <sup>him</sup> able to be  
of ~~great~~ <sup>so much</sup> service, or disservice to any party  
as he could formerly have been. Nevertheless  
his abandoning the party with that reputation  
that he has acquired, & with all the prepos-  
sitivity of his name, will be a very material  
blow to them, & they will certainly feel  
it in the opinion of many persons who  
value the name & sentiments of Lord Chatham

Downing Street. Feb: 7. 1.