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Lord North, The very good Divisions You had on the last Debate, and the Committee having proceeded almost to the end of the last Clause but one, makes it evident the Committee will be finally closed tomorrow and I hope not very late; I look on Your abilities and the zeal You have shown in conducting this Bill through the different Stages as the means that have brought it thus and that will crown it with success. Mr. Dowdeswell's

Clause of incapacitating any one of the family marrying without consent is infinitely more subject to dangerous consequences than any that Oppositors can with begging the question falsely pretend may at the remotest period be occasioned by any part of the Bill

Lucas House

March 18th 1772.

W. Pitt. Esq. M. P.

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