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My Dear Lord, My conversation on Wednesday was addressed to the ~~Marquis~~ ^{from an experience of his} ~~from~~ ^{as an attentive} ~~Commissioner~~ ^{Commissioner} ~~of the Treasury~~ ^{of the Treasury}, so is this letter.

On that occasion I mentioned the Lords Dartmouth, Ashburnham and Bruce as the only persons that occurred to me in the best ^{their} Characters ^{as} fit to succeed Lord Holderness; You said you could not think of anyone to add to the list, and concurred with me in opinion that neither of the two first would be induced to undertake the arduous task; I also mentioned that from principles of honour I could not press it well to continue as Governor with any other Governor than Lord Holderness; that Mr. Jackson knowing he was to be removed, prior to my receiving any intimation of Lord Holderness intentions to retire the Bishop of Chester was the only one of the Establishment concerning whom it was necessary for me to take any ^{decision}.

Decision. That on principle I think the Governor is my
 representative and as such no one about them must
 have more hold on them than Him, therefore that
 on the new appointment of a Governor I must ^{produce} appoint
 a new Proceptor; ^{when} ~~but add~~ ^{is added} to this the want of regard ^{of my}
 Lord Holderness has made him resign, though
 he will put it on his health; if the Bishop remained
 they would secretly feel having gained a Victory in
 consequence of his fixed opinion I yesterday took
 the painful task of sending for the Bishop of Chester
 and with the kindness and frankness told him ^{my}
~~sentiments~~ and that as Lord Holderness meant
 to retire I should at the same time appoint a new
 Proceptor and gave him ^{ideas} ~~the ground on~~
 which I had formed this resolution.

On Thursday I saw Lord Brouncker and used every
 argument to compel him to step forth to my assistance
 told him you had owned that as neither Lord Darnley
 nor Lord Ashburnham could with any probability
 of success be spoke to that you conceived ^{of my}
 opinion that the Purity of Character and ^{never being} ~~his being~~
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connected with any Party makes the Choice of him as
 respectable; that he was to consider that ^{Party} ambition
 and many private Views gave me no other person
 to fix on but one of the three I had mentioned that
 therefore when he reflected he must ^{weigh} ~~also consider~~
 whether Duty did ~~not~~ oblige him to ^{answer to my call} ~~they~~ give
 him till Saturday for consideration; only adding
 if he came it would be with a new Proceptor
 that before I mentioned the name it must
 occur to him as principle alone a heated
 me on this occasion the Bishop of Litchfield was
 the person I meant to call upon.

On Saturday he wished to decline but after
 a very full conversation seeing my distress of
 mind he very handsomely consented to accept provided
 the ^{Litchfield} Bishop could come to his assistance; he has by my
 direction's spoke this morning to that Bishop and on
 Wednesday I shall hope to be able to say to you
 that I have ~~got~~ ^{found} two ~~men~~ ^{which} who will restore my mind to
 a state of ease which you cannot think that a father who

~~Love his children, and is not ignorant of the~~
moral principles of them ^{to} and those ^{and} hands he catches
them. Your letter of Friday was a very convincing
proof of your affectionate solicitude for me in
being willing if necessary to press for Dartmouth to
change his situation, which I am confident you
would not have succeeded, yet would have disturbed
his mind; for I do place no small glory in being
convinced that I am cordially loved by that good
Man.

27 May 1766