

Draft to the E. of Suffolk  
and a duplicate to D. Weymouth  
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Lord Suffolk, At four Yesterday I met with an unforeseen  
blow, by a message through the Bishop of Litchfield from  
Lord Bruce, that somewhat very alarming in Lady Bruce  
obliged him to go to Bath and to decline being Governor to  
my Sons, this was the substance, <sup>but not</sup> the delicate manner in which  
the worthy Bishop broke it unto me. I instantly sent Lord  
Ashburnham who is in Waiting, and on whose Secrecy I  
could depend to convey this unwelcome news to the Duke  
of Montague, and desire he would instantly come to me;  
I soon persuaded him of the distress this occasioned, and that  
being caused by his family he was in Duty as well as Honour  
bound to extricate me out of it by accepting the Post himself  
that steps had been taken to get a Sub Governor; a Sub Praepositor  
already found, that he alone could with propriety stand in  
the Shoes of his Brother. He instantly complied on the  
two following conditions that the Earldom intended his  
Brother should be still granted and He not appointed till  
Wednesday as he is in mourning, and has not appeared  
in Public since the loss he sustained last Year. You can  
easily conceive why I pressed him so strongly, I instantly  
carried him to the Queen, that there might be a witness  
of his having accepted, then went to New to notify

the Charge to my Sons, and to give such directions as  
were necessary for their appearance with Mr. Smelt  
on Tuesday. I have since introduced the Bishop to the  
Duke, and fix'd on Lieut. Col. Hotham a Brother of Sir  
Charles Thompson, and I believe as worthy a Man,  
to be Sub Governor, the Gentleman recommended by the  
Bishop as Sub Praeceptor is Mr. Arnold the principal  
Tutor at St. John's College, whose Mildness, morals, and  
cheerfulness are said to be as conspicuous as his Talents.

Queens House.

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