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Lord North has the honour of informing  
his Majesty, that though there was some  
debating in the Committee upon the Boston  
Port Bill, there was no division, the  
House seeming generally to approve the  
Bill & most of the Courses. The Bill was  
reported this evening, ordered to be engrossed,  
& to be read the third time tomorrow, so  
that if there is no debate tomorrow, the  
House of Lords may have it before they  
rise. Lord North has the honour of informing  
the Speakers. It is difficult to say which

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spoke for & which against Mr Row Fuller  
proposed that a sum should be laid  
upon Boston, & if not paid by 4 mos next,  
the privileges of the Port should be taken  
away in the manner prescribed by the  
Bill. Nobody else seemed to adopt his idea  
intirely. Mr Cha: Fox opposed the clause allowing  
your Majesty to restore the Port upon receiving  
information that the state thereof would admit  
of the restitution, & afterwards the clause  
restraining your Majesty from restoring the Port  
till the India Company are indemnified.  
His objection was that the two clauses ought  
not both to stand, one being, in his opinion,  
incompatible with the other. Mr Piner said an

<sup>1774</sup> amendment, which he afterwards withdrew.

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