

H. H. to Lord North

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Lord North, I am pleased at hearing that the Army and Ordnance Estimates passed the Committee of Supply this day without any Division.

I am very much pleased with your ideas concerning the suspension of bounties and other regulations that may be effected this session towards bringing the Americans to their Duty, but am not so fond of the sending Commissioners to examine into the disputes; this looks so like the Mother Country being more afraid of the continuance of the dispute than the Colonies and I cannot think it likely to make them reasonable. I do not want to drive them to despair but to submission, what nothing but feeling the inconvenience of their situation can bring their pride to submit to.

Lucas's House Dec^r. 15. 1774. ^m/₃₃ P. G. P. H.

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