

Lord North

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Lord North has the honour of sending
his Majesty two letters which he has just received
from Lord Stormont & Mr. Fort, from which
an approaching war with France & Spain appears
now almost out of doubt.

Lord North has the honour of
sending at the same time a more
agreeable letter which he has re-
ceived from Mr. Lascelles concerning
the subscription of Halifax. Lord

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North has recommended to them to incorporate their recruits into the 33^d Regiment. If the spirit spreads to Leeds & thence to the County of York it will probably soon run over the Kingdom, & may check for a time all ideas of invasion on the part of France, with which Lord North has no doubt but this Kingdom will be threatened in a few months.

Lord North has leave to add that Mr Lascelles has, upon all occasions, shewn himself a disinterested, & been a

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very useful friend to Government where-
-ever there shall be a vacancy among the
Grooms of his Majesty's Bedchamber
Mr Lascelles will be much pleased, if
it is fill'd by his nephew Col: Lascelles.

Lord North takes the liberty to add another
letter containing a proposal of raising men.
It is not much explain'd, but Lord North
will appoint Mr Greville in forming
that, tomorrow, before he pays his duty
at St James's, where he will lay before
his Majesty some other proposals that he
has received.

Bushy Park, Jan: 6. 1778. ^m₁₀ p. 47 P. 178

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly a letter or document fragment.]

*Love & Faith
Buckley Park 6th May 1770*