

H. N. to Lord North

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Lord North, However insidious the conduct of France may appear it is pleasant to feel we are taking all the steps that would be necessary if it should end in a War, and my mind is perfectly prepared to meet what I should certainly think a very unhappy event from the consciousness that I have scrupulously attempted to avoid and that without one single grievance France chuse to be the aggressor; I cannot say Lord Stormont's letter contains anything new, but Mr. Gosh on this occasion writes without flowers and the whole of his style seems to show he expects a War.

I hope when you see Mr. Preville you will have his thoughts from attempting to raise a new Regt and that his family will show their zeal in leading a subscription and in personally exerting themselves to raise Men in Warwickshire for compleating the Army; Mr. Lascelles's account from Halifax is very agreeable and will be followed by other Towns in Yorkshire and by other Counties, I have not talk'd to this theme only in one

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