

H.M. to Ld North

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I believe the idea of employing Prince Ferdinand of
Brunswick in North America never occurred to any one
but Lord North's correspondent at Wilton; indeed when
that Lord was in waiting three weeks ago, he amused
every one in the Antichamber with asserting that
proposals to that purpose were sent to that Prince;
but I never dreamt his lively brain could have
made him write to Lord North on that subject.

Lord G. Germain surprised me this day by communicating
a conversation he had had this morning with Mr. Doyley
who as he alledged had said he hoped when the
future plan of War was under consideration, it would
be also well considered who should have the command
for that with the letters wrote from hence to the Brothers
it was neither safe nor prudent to leave it with them,
he would not explain to Lord George his reasons. I hope
Lord North will see Doyley and draw this out of him, for I think
it highly material that he and I ought to know the whole of this affair.

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