

Lord North

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Lord North has, in obedience to his Majesty's command, examined Mr D'Oyley as to his conversation with the Secretary of State, & finds that there has been a misapprehension of what he said or, at least, meant to say, which, as far as Lord North can collect, is as follows. That it was not only necessary to determine whether the two Pro-
-thers should continue in the command, but, if it should be determined that they are to continue, it will be requisite,

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after the letters that have been written
to them, to consider how to persuade
them to remain in their present situation.
Mr D'Orly abuded to the last letters
from Ld G. G. which were so cold &
dry in respect to Mr W. H. Vanespe in
Pennsylvania, & left him in doubt as to
his continuance in the command, which
he thinks will have made him more fully
bent upon quitting the command. Mr
D'Orly says, that he never thought it would be
either unsafe or imprudent to leave

Ld Howe & Mr William Howe, but the
contrary, & Ld North supposes that Ld
George drew that inference from
Mr D'Orly's expressions which, as Mr
D'Orly says, amounted to no more than this,
"That, after the letters that had been
written, it is necessary to consider how
to persuade them to remain in the
command, if it is intended that they
should be continued in it."

Done this Jan. 10.

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Lord York

His Majesty