

Ed. North

Jan. 12 1776

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Lord North has the honour of inclosing  
two letters which he received yesterday from  
Mr. Guvill. Lord North heard that as that  
business was now in the proper channel  
the War Office, he should have heard no  
more of it, but, as Mr. Guvill's suggestion  
may be of importance, he thought it not  
right to delay the business by sending the  
letter through the War Office instead of con-  
=veying it directly to his Majesty.

Lord North begs that his Majesty

received the note he had the honour of  
writing to him before Lord George Cornwall  
brought him the opinion of the Cabinet  
as His Majesty would probably wish  
to know the contents of it, before he  
gave any answer to Lord George. It  
is certainly not desirable, if it can be  
avoided, to employ any general who  
declares himself unwilling to continue in  
his command, & complains of slight & ill  
treatment, but if Lord Anherst declines the  
service, which it is not improbable he will,  
it will difficult to find an officer to replace

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Sir William Howe - Some of his resolutions  
require to be explain'd, but his conduct  
as an officer, since he has been in  
Pennsylvania, has, according to the opinion  
of many people, been very proper, except in  
one <sup>or two</sup> instances, & though he is not liked  
at New York, he has the good opinion &  
confidence of the army that serves under  
him.

Bushy Park. Jan: 12. 1778.

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

Jan. 12. 1771  
Mr Grenville  
St. Martin Street