

H. H. to hel. North

2759

Lucas Haues July 17th 1778
5 P.M. 9 A.M.

The opinion Lord North gave me on the enclosed papers from Sir Joseph Yorke coincides entirely with mine, and I have long thought that Gentleman so thoroughly trained to business, that there are but very few situations he would not fill with the greatest credit, as I am sorry when ^{there is} so great a dearth of able Men, he should be immured in the post of ~~Secretary~~ ^{Political} Watchman at the Hague.

I am a little mortified that the plan of Halifax is so different from what we had just reason to expect, and after we have contemplated the ^{the} conduct of that Corporation, it would be very unpleasant to accept their proposal in the present large extent; I desire you will therefore see Lord Barrington and try whether some way cannot be found to bring it into some better shape.

Since the City was not yet enough returned to sobriety to be persuaded heartily to support the cause, and therefore think the friends of Government would have acted wisely in adopting a public subscription unattended with the mortifying circumstances of a defeat in the Corporation.

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