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to Lord North
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Lord North, I cannot help saying that nothing
can be more detrimental in case of an European War
than the idea of sending in our present weak state
another Old Corps out of Great Britain; but I will
not object on this occasion provided it is understood
that the 400 Men for Newfoundland and the Company
for Bermuda is of the New Levies. The 70th is the
Regiment to whom this Duty will fall which is very
advantageous to the Admiralty as the Regiment
is in Scotland and Lord Sandwich thinks he can get
transports cheaper at Leith than in the Thames.

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