

A. Le. to Lord North

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Mar. 20 1778

Lord North may depend on my never departing from the powers  
I gave him in my letter of Sunday last, that he might attempt  
to acquire auxiliaries to the present Administration; but  
he will remember that in any treaty the basis of the whole  
is that Lord North is to remain <sup>first</sup> Lord of the Treasury  
and Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Astor Chancellor,  
Lord Suffolk, Sandwich, Gower, and Weymouth in the  
Cabinet Offices they may like best, and that Mr. Wickham  
be plac'd to his mind; as to the enclosed paper drawn up  
by Mr. Eden, you are the best judge whether it leaves  
any ground for your treating on the only foot I will  
ever agree to; but my Dear Lord understand me  
clearly I will hear of none but on the ground I  
have now again repeated, and which Lord Suffolk  
reported to me on Sunday, when you had shewn  
him the full and affectionate letter I had wrote  
unto you, that you had told it was all you  
could expect from me.

Laura Anne  
March 20<sup>th</sup> 1778  
C. P. & A. C.

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