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Lord North cannot be surprised that at a hour when  
this Country is surrounded with impending evils, I should  
think myself highly culpable if I did not to the utmost  
of my ability prepare against them; on that account, this  
last Week insisted on Your forthwith preparing a Plan on  
Paper for procuring an handsome Attendance on the  
opening of the Session and a continuance of it during the  
sitting of Parliament; this You promised to draw up; yet  
the week has elapsed without Your producing it, and Your  
aversion to decide would lead You to postpone it till  
too late, unless forced by Me to what I look upon not  
only as essential to the conducting public Affairs with  
credit, but as necessary for Your own ease of mind; I  
therefore must insist on Your laying Your thoughts on that  
Subject before the Cabinet at Your meeting on Thursday,  
and have just wrote to the two Secretaries of State to acquaint  
them You have my directions for that purpose. Indeed my  
Dear Lord though the present scene is not very clear yet  
with activity, decision and zeal things may soon wear a  
very different appearance

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