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Mr Robinson has the Honour to transmit to your Majesty, for your perusal, Drafts of Letters to Sir Henry Clinton, and to Mr Wier, with several inclosures relative to the Returns and States of Provisions, entering into that Business fully and at large. Mr Robinson not being certain, whether Lord North laid before your Majesty the late Letters from Sir Henry Clinton, and from Mr Wier; Mr Robinson humbly begs leave to add those to the others, as also Drafts of the last Letters from the Treasury Board to Sir Henry Clinton, and to Mr Wier, in further explanation to your Majesty of the proceedings lately had relative

relative to the supplying the Armies in America with
Provisions

Mr. Robinson apprehends that Lord North
would lay before your Majesty the Extracts and
Minutes made relative to the House of Commons, and
Parliamentary Affairs: If in these Suggestions,
or in the Mode of proceeding in this Business, or
in anything relative to it, Mr. Robinson has presumed
too much, or has any ways erred in it, He implores
your Majesty's Forgiveness, and trusts in your
Majesty's Goodness for pardon; and he humbly
hopes that your Majesty will be graciously pleased
to believe that he has not offended intentionally.

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Mr. Robinson seeing, as he did, the Languor of a long
tedious Session last year ill attended, feeling the
anxious pain, daily almost, of expectations of being
beat on material Questions, and dreading the
fatal Consequences which must arise from a like
Languor and ill attendance this Session; many
Fears had long brooded in His Mind with painful
Anxiety and Apprehensions, and he strove to have
such Measures adopted, as should prevent the
Evils, and insure Success to your Majesty's Measures.

Mr. Robinson not being able to obtain his Wishes
in this respect, and not daring to attempt a
Communication of his Fears to your Majesty by
writing;

by writing; He was compelled to take the Mode of doing
it which has been pursued, thinking that he had
better incur the blame of presumption and Audacity
rather than that your Majesty's Affairs should in the
least suffer: If he shall be graciously pardon'd
for his Offence, and any Good shall result to your
Majesty's Government, he will be most happy,
and in the pleasing Reflection that he has done
his Duty, reap the highest Reward.

Parliament Street,
5th November 1770.