

H. C. to Lord North

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I am sorry to find the strange managed dispute between the two Admirals is to be canvassed in the House of Commons; but I think it may at the same time forward what seems most for the advantage of my service the bringing Lord Howe to the head of the Board of Admiralty; for Administration will some how or other be too much mixed in this affair, unless a change is made in that Department.

Lord Barrington is to wait on Lord North, to know what is to be done for him; I therefore authorize you to make such a provision as you may think right, though it should be handsome it ought not to be extravagant.

*[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]*

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