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Lord North, has I suppose received this day a fresh intimation
of Lord Suffolk's determination to resign his present Employment,
by the letter I have received I find him perfectly fixed on
that measure; this consequently shews there is no time to be
lost in fixing on his Successor; I own every hour more and
more convinces me that nothing can so effectually remove
the hatred and faction occasioned in the Navy by the
unhappy breach between the two Admirals as a new
head of the Admiralty Board particularly if of that
Profession, ^{in times of Peace I am not convinced whether men of higher general}
~~Education may not fill that Station as well; but in a War more so in the~~
~~present which is of Naval. Does it not highly advantageously to have in the Cabinet~~
~~a person able to plan the most effectual manner of conducting it. I should~~
~~be glad to see all that are of this opinion, and I think Lord Howe the~~
~~most qualified for this Post, it would remove all that altercation which he~~
~~is not during the recess satisfied, will take up the times of Parliament~~
~~proper business to more useful~~
~~the whole subject since I shall see him on Wednesday.~~

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a rectangular piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]