

H. N. to Lord North

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As I do not propose going to Town till Friday unless some unexpected event should require my presence sooner, I do not chuse to delay reminding Lord North of the letter I had advis'd him to write to Lord George Germain in answer to the one wherein he submitted though reluctantly to the reestablishment of a first Lord of Trade in favour of Lord Carleton; if the letter has not yet been writ I would advise that after mentioning my approbation of Lord George's conduct on this occasion, yet that I differ with him in opinion as to its being a degrading of his Office, that I look upon it as very different it placing him in every respect on the same line as the two antient Secretaries, and that it will place Lord Carleton in an Executive Office not one of Direction of Measures which it might not have been right to place the signer of the Proclamation of the last Year as far as regards America.

The reason I am anxious to time may be lost in finishing this business is that Lord Stormont may

may be immediately sent for, he ought to be sometime in
Office before he will be so far master of the business as to
be of that use in Parliament which I have every reason
to suppose his abilities the last session will enable him
to be of; besides it will enable Lord North to settle
with Lord Carter which should not be delayed any
longer. As to Lord Talbot I will answer that he will
reign with good humour the hour he is afraid he
shall get the Barony and the Wardrobe, that will
enable Lord North to recommend Lord Hills barony
to the Office he most wishes of any in my service
and by removing Lord Littleton whose private share
makes him no credit to my service, Lord Charles Spencer
may be placed much to his Mind and the Lord
Northborough consequently pleased as he is certainly
very desirous of it from an uniform conduct towards
me ever since I have known him; this will shew
to the World my resolution of carrying matters with
spirit, and will secure the loose ones who are looking
to see what part will be taken before they decide