

H. M. to Lord North

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Before I had received L^d. North's letter I had read the Official letter from the L^d. Lieut. of Ireland to L^d. Weymouth on the very daring outrage at Dublin, and was sorry to see so little exertions either from Parliament or the Magistrates to quell so violent an insurrection; perhaps this may open the eyes of Gentlemen and shew them that if they encourage such assemblies that Liberty must inevitably be ruined.

As to the idea of an enquiry into the State of Plymouth when the French appeared before that place, I never doubted it would be brought up in Parliament; I wish to have no enquiry made but I cannot see how some kind of examination into that affair can be perpetrated, and L^d. Anson has always appeared to me ready to meet such an enquiry the affair relates to him and the Ordnance if they can defend themselves I do not see any use in an enquiry if they have not done their duty; it is right it should be known.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely a letter or document fragment.]

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