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Lord North, It would have been most desirable that you had seen this morning the Affairs of Lord Hillsborough in the same point of view as this night; for undoubtedly the having delayed his receiving the seals has given room to many unfavourable surmises. I therefore leave it for Lord North's consideration whether after such an event it be best to give him the seals tomorrow or to postpone it to Friday when it will appear more regular, an order must now be given for a Council tomorrow which is not usual on the day Parliaments assemble; I should think Lord North had best consult Lord Hillsborough himself and Lord Stormont as to the properest day for the appointment. I shall either do it tomorrow or any other day as shall on the whole be thought best. Lord North I hope now recollects that in his note he has said that the Tier's cash consequently no untoward conduct of the Attorney General is to prevent his going on. This I must intimate before I give the seals. One event I have heard this day which ought to encourage

He going on; this day in the City the report was current
that the Ministry would be changed. The language of the
Merchants was strong at the lobby of Ministry to return
and the fullest marks that though they might in
some things have blamed the conduct of Affairs the
thought much worse of the Opposition and the
consequently a change must be disadvantageous
to the Public.

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