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From

Ld. Chancellor

to the King

Supper 1770

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There is nothing very forbidding in Yorke's Answer. I have no fears of the success of the idea, if the Ambassador is first talked with by Your Majesty, but there are many previous steps to be arranged. — pardon Me Sir for mentioning a very material one viz. the keeping Eden at home. — When there was some chance of avoiding a Capture at least for some time, I thought I wanted little assistance in the Detail of my Office. — But with the infirmities I am liable to, I ~~must~~ under the present circumstances represent that I cannot do without a Secretary, and know of no person that I can feel safe and comfortable with but Edens. Pray Sir forgive the plain Openess with which I write — Besides Lord North may much want him — it would sound ridiculous if I was to say how much I think his presence essential at Home. But even what I have presumed to throw out need not stop Eden's going or impede the arrangement, as I should cut a very graceful figure tripping before Your Majesty with the Steward's staff if Your Majesty preferred that I change to my total Retreat.

From the first, I believed the best for Your Majesty's service viz. Lord North the Minister, and a proper person in very high Office to conduct the War with the fair and full support.

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This Person I cannot help thinking may be John D. W. Joseph  
Goske. — His situation must be Secretary of State and one of the  
Old Offices — Whether the American Department is sunk  
or not. — For the mode of opening this situation let me beg  
Your Majesty to occur to my letter of Saturday last. —  
No time should be lost in preparing to remove Goske to the  
Seals by sending for him over. — but I confide in Your Majesty's  
goodness that no steps shall be taken to open the Southern  
Department for him until I have had the honour to discuss  
this Subject with Your Majesty more fully than I can in  
writing.

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