

H. H. to Lord North

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on p. 8th M.

I expected from the Violence and illiberality of the
Opposition that some means would have been found to
have kept off the Opening of the Budget, Lord North
cannot therefore doubt of my pleasure at finding he
had laid the matter yesterday before the Committee
I knew by Lord North's letter in the Morning that the
Business cannot be stated till Friday. I trust a good
Attendance will be got this day as a second Division
may be attempted if they do not see that it is expected.

I think it right to take this method of putting
Lord North on his guard as to the reason why Lord
Sandwich wants that the chief General of Marines
should not be given to Sir J. Rodney, the apparent
one is least it should disoblige Sir Chas. Hardy, but
the true one is he wants by giving that Employment
to Sir Charles to vacate Greenwich Hospital for Palissas
which would occasion noise, and not be a friendly action
towards that Admiral, Rodney cannot have Greenwich
as in all the Debates last Winter it was permitted last
Winter that Greenwich ought not to be held by an Admiral
in foreign parts. I therefore am much inclined Rodney should
be chief Genl of Marines, something must be in a day or two as I shall have
to carry the arrangement

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