

H. H. to H. North

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Lucena House. March 7<sup>th</sup> 1790.

On coming home I have found Lord North's letter enclosing  
one from the Lord Lieut. of Ireland whose idea of sending  
over the Irish speaker seems of no kind of utility, for he  
cannot I trust persuade this Country to give up its  
being bound to obey British Acts of Parliament, and he  
will not relinquish his National prejudices.

As to Lord North's propositions for making good the  
services of this year I have no doubt that they are  
those he finds the least objectionable for his knowledge  
of Finance is universally admitted. but I can never  
suppose this Country so far lost to all ideas of  
Self importance as to be willing to grant America  
independence, if that could ever be universally  
adopted, I shall despair of this Country being ever  
preserved from a state of inferiority and consequently  
falling into a very low class among the European  
States, if we do not feel our own consequence & the  
Nations will not treat us above what we esteem ourselves  
I hope never to see that Day, for however I am  
traded must love this Country

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