

In the present situation of Affairs does

Would Mr M's friends insist that it is expedient or necessary ^{or expedient} rather to relinquish the attempt of recovering the Dependence of the Colonies of America than to continue the war for another campaign? pluse

Is the nomination of Mr Keppell to the office ^{of} ~~of~~ the admiralty in the room of Lord Sandwich an essential condition of the accession of Mr M's friends to Government?

are the passing of Mr Lewis's & the contractor's Bill, & a part of Mr Burch's Bill, essential conditions?

If they are what part of Mr M's

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Burke's letter!

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of Lord North to remain at the
head of the Treasury?

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I put these questions in order to bring
the business over to a point than it
has been at present. It is ^{may perhaps} impossible
to finish this arrangement without ^{an} ~~any~~
^{is totally decided} conference between his Majesty & some
of Mr M's friends, but his Majesty

must know ^{pretty exactly} ~~very accurately~~ what are
the sentiments of Mr M's friends

before he accents to such a conclusion

Lord N. thinks there will be no

objection to the S. of Northam & from here
our Journals have Mr Burke & Mr Fox

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In respect to the Duke of Richmond L^d North has
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but he finds that the King conceives
that he has received a refusal from
the D: of Richmond, ^{either directly or indirectly} informing him that
he will not pay his duty at Court to his
Majesty, & that he makes ~~an~~ unne-
cessary visit to the Queen. L^d Nth.
conceives that this prejudice will be
difficult to remove unless by ~~the~~ some
conduct of the D: of Richmond which may
wipe off what the K: has conceived to
have ~~been~~ meant as a personal affront.
L^d North believes the K: will not
consent to remove L^d Sandwich, &
to put the fleet into the hands

of Mr Peppercorn
^{very}
~~had~~ If ~~the~~ arrangement should
take place Lord N. would advise
that Mr Fox should ^{at first} be proposed
for an office that would not inter-
fere with the closest intimacy