

Ld. North

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Ld North has just seen Lord
Weymouth. He perfectly agrees as to
the necessity of ^{immediate} reprisals mentioned
by his Majesty, but he thinks we ought
to have a meeting of the Council to
consider on the propriety of a formal
declaration of War on Monday. No time
will be lost, as this will not retard
the operations of our Ships. Ld North is going
to dine with Lord Sandwich, & will
speak to him about the best method

of encouraging privateers, & the propriety of
granting immediately Letters of Marque.
Perhaps a public Declaration of War will
be useful in this respect, as well as the
most just, honourable & dignified method
of proceeding.

Stushy Park. July 17. ^{1/2} p.m. P.M.