

Ld. North

July 29 1780

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Lord North has the honor of sending to
his Majesty the inclosed most extraordinary letter
from Mr de Maurepas to Mr North: It is
certainly genuine, & notwithstanding the very
deceitful character of the writer, appears to
have in some parts, a degree of sincerity. at
least, one does not see the occasion for all
those oaths, & asseverations, if the party is
not at all inclined to peace, nor indeed,
does there appear much occasion for
the letter itself but upon the supposition

of his wishing an end to the War, at least
while he was writing the letter. Mr North
should so care or assure himself soon,
but ^{L^d North} I did not choose to give him his
opinion without having spoken to the
Secretaries of State, but Lord Stormont's absence
at Hens-wood, & Lord Hillsborough's
distress at the great family misfortune
that happen'd to him this morning
have prevented ^{L^d North} me from seeing either
of them.

Bushy Park Satth July 29