

H. H. to Genl. North,

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The Letter from M. de Maurepas is certainly very extraordinary, and were I not too well acquainted with the Duplicity of his conduct, I should suppose his life almost depended on the success of his proposal; but at least it makes me think that when he wrote the letter he had some very weighty reason to wish for Peace, which makes me a little more hopeful that Spain is resolved to end the War, and that M. de Maurepas must also do the same, or by drawing on a Negotiation at Paris put clogs in the way of bringing Matters in Spain to a desirable conclusion; one circumstance at least is agreeable that America cannot make part of any Proposition which might be entrusted to communicate. In the whole I desire Lord North will see Lord Stormont before any answer is given to M<sup>r</sup>. Forth (whom Lord North knows I always think a very dubious Negotiator) and if that able Negotiator does not see from his perfect knowledge of Maurepas that we can be drawn into any difficulties by Forth's Journey, I shall not object to it; but should certainly be Forth's having any instructions but to hear what the Minister has to say. I am much obliged for Lord Hillsborough, who certainly



Should also have been made acquainted with this, if  
it were not kinder in his present distress to have he  
in quiet; if it goes on he will of course hereafter be  
acquainted with the whole.

I hope Lord North has wrote to the Chancellors if  
it was any wish for promoting any one to the Office  
Chief Justice of the Court, or that he will not delay it  
longer, for the Chancellors if to be with the Lord  
to fix the Matter; if Lord North proposes him civilly  
for another I should think he would acquiesce, though  
he thinks Mr. Kenyon <sup>would</sup> clearly <sup>be</sup> the most respectable  
Appointment