

H. M. to Ld. North.

Mar. 3 1781

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Dear Sir, On returning last night from the Oratorio
I received your Box; I think it perfectly right that
Mr. Deane should so far be trusted as to have three
thousand pound in goods for America, the giving him
particular instructions would be liable to much hazard
but his bringing any of the Provinces to offer to return
to their Allegiance of the former sort would be much
better than by joint Application through the
Congress; for if by the breaking off of some the
rest are obliged to yield, no further concert or perhaps
amity can subsist between them, which would not
be the case in the other mode, and the fire might
only be smothered to break out again on the
first Occasion.

Lucas House

March 3. 1781

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