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When Lord North had the honour of paying his duty to his Majesty at St James's he forgot to mention to him a request of D<sup>r</sup>. Lynch, son to the Dean of Canterbury of that name, & of D<sup>r</sup>. Palmer one of the Prebends of that Cathedral. It is much desired by the present Dean, approved by the Arch-Bishop, & has been solicited with zeal by Lord Guilford & the Bishop of Worcester. on these accounts Lord North presumes to trouble his Majesty with it. D<sup>r</sup>. Lynch is in possession of a very good living in the gift of the Arch Bishop of Canterbury, which his Grace will give to D<sup>r</sup>. Palmer's son, if D<sup>r</sup>. Lynch will resign it, & D<sup>r</sup>. Lynch is willing to resign it, if he can obtain a stall in the Cathedral, which upon this arrangement D<sup>r</sup>. Palmer is ready to

vacate. What is humbly requested of his Majesty is  
That he would appoint <sup>Prebend</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Lynch, of Canterbury in  
the room of S<sup>r</sup> Palmer. It is true, that the former  
is a younger man than the latter, but the latter  
is remarkably healthy, & has all this life observed  
the strictest regimen, so that in the natural course  
no vacancy <sup>for a long time</sup> can be expected by his death. Both  
the parties concern'd are much pleas'd & esteem'd  
so that an arrangement to their mutual  
satisfaction will be agreeable to many persons  
in that part of the world.

Lord North begs pardon for having detain'd  
his Majesty so long upon this subject but he  
thought that he had better be tedious than leave  
any part of it unexplain'd.

The Duke of Atholl call'd yesterday morning on  
Lord North, to renew his application to have his

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Life put into his Mother's pension. His Majesty  
will remember that the application was first  
made at the time of the sudden & melancholy  
death of the late Duke. The present Duke, in  
addition to that claim states the family as  
having been great losers by the sale of the Isle  
of Man.

Lord North will not trouble his Majesty with  
many words on his own situation, but hopes his  
Majesty will not be offended, if he submits to his  
Majesty, that the decline which he feels in his  
health, his spirits, & his understanding makes him  
every day more earnest to retire from the hurry of  
business & the bustle of the world. His Majesty's  
interest, as well as Lord North's feelings, made it necessary  
for Lord North to say thus much; His duty, as well  
as his anxiety, drew this from him, & he leaves the

whole to his Majesty's kind & humane consideration

Sir John Burgoyne, having been induced to decline the honour of raising one of the new regiments, partly from the situation of his own affairs immediately upon the death of his father, partly from the rank he is arriv'd at in the Dragoons service, & partly from the great difficulties he will meet with in attempting at this time to raise a regiment in Ireland, is under some uneasiness lest he should appear not sufficiently sensible of his Majesty's gracious favour in having directed the proposal to be made to him. He has, with the strongest expressions of gratitude & duty, assur'd Lord North, that he did not desire to be excus'd, till he had been inform'd by Lord Amhurst that his conduct would not be consider'd by his Majesty as the least want of gratitude or respect for his Majesty's very