

Ld. North

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Lord North received yesterday the
honour of his Majesty's command
to meet Lieutenant Colonel Hotham &
settle the payment of the £5000 stipulated
for the recovery of his Royal Highness's
letters. He has seen the Lieutenant Colonel
this morning, & has given orders for a
warrant to be made out for that sum
on account of Special Service; this
method appears to Lord North the most
convenient as Mr Hotham will be

obliged to account for the disposal of
it to his Majesty only. Lord North had
heard of this unhappy affair before, &
indebted as he is to his Majesty's goodness
must feel for every event which gives
uneasiness to his Royal Breast. He
cannot but admire & applaud his Majesty's
Paternal tenderness & wisdom in sav-
-ing even a large sum to withdraw
the Prince's letters from the hands in which
they now are.

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