

H. H. to Lord North

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Lord North I have this instant received your letter
You will recollect that when I told you that I thought
the Provost of Eton was likely to die, I desired you
would whenever that happened recollect that I
wished it might be given to the Man whose literary
talents might make the Appointment respectable
I can not fairly look on D^r Sampier as exactly
answering that Character besides for a young Man
he is greatly preferred, I would much rather give him
a Canonry than put him where the Person fitted
upon ought either to have years of avowed talents
sure it would be very hard on D^r Roberts.

I shall therefore only consent to D^r Davies for
the vacant Canonry of Windsor and leave the rest
open till you have reconsidered it for Eton should
not be bestowed by favour but merit.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]

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