

H. H. to Gen. North

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I was rather disappointed at the Majority not being
greater this Morning particularly when I read the question
moved by Sir James Lowther. For though I think as things
are situated it is impossible to propose great Continental
operations in North America, yet I am certain
Parliament shewing a reluctance to them must encourage
the Rebels, and make them plan offensive Expeditions
on our Posts which would have been avoided had they
not known that our measures would alone be defensive
it seems to me that Gen. North could not avoid giving
the explanation he did

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