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Lord Germain Germain, Not having seen you yesterday I take
this method of acquainting you that I should think it must
soon come under consideration who shall be appointed to
command the Forces in North America; after all that
has past Sir Henry Clinton will hardly wish to stay there,
nor perhaps would it be wise in Administration to discourage
him; Lord Cornwallis is now out of the case, therefore a
new Man must be sent; indeed as the Plan of War
must be changed it is highly proper that the General
should not have been concerned in what has yet happen'd
there, the Country will have more confidence in a
New Man; I believe without partiality that the Man
who would in general by the Army be looked on as the
best Officer is Sir J. C. B. besides his place in the
Commission of Public Accounts makes him well known
to Parliament his uprightness is universally acknowledg'd
and as the ^{Expenses} ~~Expenses~~ ^{you have} ~~you have~~ every Year it is necessary to
wonder who can best attack that horrid Hydra, whatever
disagreements have been between you and him I have
no doubt if on consideration you should think him a proper
person that both you and He will by some common friend
so explain your selves that an Opl. explanation may be
obtained between you that will make the Public Service be
cheerfully carried on.

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