

ld. George Germain

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Lord George Germain was obliged to be at the House  
of Commons on Friday, which prevented him from  
staying at St James's till he could have had the  
honour of paying his duty to your Majesty in the Closet.  
Your Majesty's Judges extremely right in determining  
to send a new man to command in Chief in North  
America; Sir Guy Carleton is looked upon by many  
people to be a good Officer, and if your Majesty  
thinks him in that and in every other respect  
qualified for so important a trust Lord George will  
be happy in hearing of his appointment.

The very extraordinary letters about Sir Guy  
Carleton chose to write to Lord George still file

him with surprise and astonishment as his motives for such conduct are quite unknown, but the style and manner of them were improper to have pass'd between one gentleman and another, but Lord George could not presume to decide upon the propriety or impropriety of expressions us'd to your Majesty's servant when he was executing your Commands.

The little confidence which could ever subsist between Sir Guy Carter and Lord George might from your Majesty's great condescension and goodness create some doubts in your mind whether the appointment propos'd might not prejudice your Majesty's service, but in the present circumstances

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Affairs there seems little probability that your Majesty may find it convenient to continue the seals much longer in Lord George's hands; the general dislike to the American war among the real friends of government the earnest desire expressed for accommodation, or rather for yielding up the rights of sovereignty; the many in opposition and by others high in office and of great connections in the House of Commons convince Lord George that measures are taking to bring about some change in Administration. The meeting of the Cabinet yesterday confirms this opinion, for tho' the conversation would naturally have turned upon the late transactions in the House of Commons, and the measures to be pursued

in North America, yet a total silence was observed  
upon those subjects, which marked diffidence at  
least in each other. whatever may be the result  
of the present situation your Majesty's rule  
we doubt not, will lose the opportunity of employing  
an Officer who has deserved your approbation of  
good opinion, as it may probably not suit your  
Majesty's Affairs that the person he has chosen  
to disagree with should be the successor of  
the department with which he writes Official  
Correspond.

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