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St. James's Square Decr 23. 1781  
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L<sup>d</sup> Hillsborough and Lord Stormont have  
just had a long Conversation with Lord North.  
Who He spoke of the Resources of this Country  
as nearly exhausted and held a desponding  
Language, yet he declared strongly against  
holding such Language in the Public  
intimating at the same time that the  
Other this & other Peoples opinions upon  
the Subject were canvassed and examined  
in secret and changed upon good  
argument, the better it would be  
He gave the same opinion with regard to  
the little Importance of such Sovereignty  
as could now be retained over the Colonies  
in Rebellion <sup>that he had given to your Majesty</sup> and added that he had  
M<sup>rs</sup> P<sup>er</sup>son

mentioned his sentiments to your Majesty  
with which yours did by no means agree.  
But he did not intimate the least Intention  
of agreeing to give up the sovereignty and  
spoke in general of the Impossibility of  
mentioning in public any Conditions of Peace  
He avoided giving any decided opinion about  
Lord Georges Behring, or the appointment of  
Colonel Carleton, but said that the apprehended  
they could not go on together.  
The Conversation was so long that Lord  
Millsborough and Lord Stormont cannot  
presume to trouble your Majesty with  
the Detail of it in writing, but upon the  
whole they had the Satisfaction to find Lord  
North in a Disposition to wait events, and

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45<sup>m</sup> p. 1. 3. 8. 11.