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The conversation Ld. Pittborough and Ld. Stormont have had this day with Ld. North seems to have been the exact counterpart of many I have had with him, and as little conclusive, I do not find that it has advanced any one measure, even as to Ld. G. Germain and Sir Guy Carleton it leaves it in the same indecisive mode.

Ld. G. Germain has this day wrote to Me that the Cabinet wish to know who I think most proper to succeed Sir Henry Clinton, I could as things are situated give no other than the following answer. vid. 2<sup>d</sup>. paragraph of Draft to Ld. G. G.  
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I shall certainly write tomorrow to Ld. North to press for his Opinion, which I fear I shall not be able to get him to do with that precision as may enable Me to decide finally; indeed if Sir Guy is forced upon, Ld. G. G. successor must be named at the same time



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