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I saw Lord North this evening & talk'd
with him on the present State of things
in the manner your Majesty was pleas'd
to approve; & I told him that what I had
said to him with the knowledge & by
the Permission of your Majesty. I thought
he was in a strange Humour; he talk'd
much of the Impossibility of going on, &
said that he had constantly since Wed-
nesday last given this as his opinion to
your Majesty; he said that the Chan-
cellor was a fitter person to negotiate
with Lords Howe or Brymouth than
himself, that the Chancellor was well
with Opposition, that he thought that
something had been going on with the
Duke of Grafton, for which reason he
had

had not taken any steps himself; but
now he knew your Majesty's wishes, he
would think of what I had said & talk
with your Majesty upon it tomorrow.
He talk'd once of the propriety of your
Majesty's seeing the Duke of Grafton, who
he said was the most temperate of all
the Opposition, but I don't think that he
will advise it; he did not think that
How would accept; & he appear'd more
disposed to see Lord Weymouth than Lord
Gower. He was by no means thankfull for
the good offices I was endeavouring to render
him & was barely civil. Notwithstanding
all he has said or may say tomorrow, I am
persuaded that he means to go on, & that
he was piqued at the Chancellor's being
sent for on Thursday last, though he now
says that he is the fittest person to
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negotiate; I talk'd very roundly to Him, when
I saw he grew unreasonable, & I am persuaded
that it will be the best way of treating
him tomorrow, though much is to be for-
given in consideration of the dead that at
present oppresses Him. I will take care
that this shall be deliver'd to your Majesty
early tomorrow morning. I will come to
the Drawing Room, but do not mean to
trouble your Majesty with an Audience
for fear of creating Seaborn's suspi-
cons.

From

Your Majesty's

I think that Mr
Hoth was so far pleas'd
with the Conversation I had
with Him, as it had to
put into his Hands any
future Negotiation. I found
Him consulting with Lord Advocate
& Governour Johnson, which does not
look like Resignation.

