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Lord North is much concerned to give his Majesty any further trouble at this busy time; He presumes, however, to mention a few points to his Majesty, & to submit them to his Royal consideration, trusting that if any thing he says is improper, His Majesty's goodness will pardon it.

The Dean of Lincoln has vacated the Deanery of Rochester a few days ago; as it will soon no longer belong to Lord North to speak to his Majesty on the subject of Ecclesiastical preferments, He humbly begs leave to mention to his Majesty his friend Dr. Dampier, to whom his Majesty declared himself not unwilling upon a former occasion to confer a Deanery.

Lord North begs leave at the same time to recommend Dr. Davies for the vacant Canonry of Windsor.

Lord North gave hopes some years ago to Dr. Wollaston that he would apply to his Majesty to procure for him the first vacant Canonry of Windsor, & he has ~~been~~ delay'd troubling his Majesty for some time in hopes that he might have an opportunity of recommending at the same moment Dr. Dampier, Dr. Davies, & Dr. Wollaston. But as no such opportunity is likely to offer before Lord North surrenders the Exchequer Seals, He takes the liberty of mentioning Dr. Dampier & Dr. Davies to

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his Majesty, & to intercede in their behalf.

Mr Robinson will be very grateful for the reversion either of the Comptrollership of the Customs or of the Inspectorship of the Prosecutions in the same department, in case the latter can be granted in reversion. He will take that which is most agreeable to your Majesty, & if your Majesty will be pleased to grant it for two lives, he will prefer Lord Abergavenny's two sons Mr Henry, & Mr George Henry Neville. If his own Name is inserted, upon the reversion falling to him, he will be incapable of a seat in Parliament. But this he submits entirely to your Majesty being very thankful to your

Majesty for your goodness, in whatever form he receives this mark of it.

As it seem'd to be your Majesty's opinion that £1000 a year might not be an unreasonable provision for a Secretary of Treasury, Lord North laid before your Majesty the value of Mr Grey Cooper's two places. viz. the Pension on the 4. & ½ pr Cent £480 pr ann: & the Searcher at Newcastle £180. pr ann. together, £660 pr ann: He submits, whether a pension might not be granted to Mr Cooper, determinable at pleasure, but, on no account, to be continued after the auditorship of the Land Revenue should fall in, producing 340 pr ann: Lord North thinks it right to mention, that he has given to Mr

Grey no hopes of success in his application.

Lord North would not have mentioned his idea respecting the Signet in Scotland, unless he had thought that in these times it was for his Majesty's Interest to comply with the wish of the Lord Advocate. In other times, his sentiments might, possibly, be different, but, as the Advocate has so steadily & ably supported Government for these last four or five years, & as it will be of much consequence, that he should be present, & chearfully resist those measures which he has condemned before, but which ~~will~~ may be brought on in a short time, Lord North thought it useful to gratify

-fy him in a point, in which He thinks he is distinguished from his countrymen in an unfavourable manner, There being seven or eight of the principal Offices in Scotland granted for life, & some any of the same importance as his, which is held during pleasure. Lord North asks a thousand pardons for touching upon this matter again, but recollecting how difficult, if not impossible, it would have been for him to carry on His Majesty's business without the Advocate's assistance, & foreseeing how much will depend, in some very important questions which are expected,

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upon his cheerful & cordial support. He thought it his duty just to touch once more upon it, confiding in his Majesty's kindness, that if his advice is disapproved, as it may probably deserve to be, he shall be pardoned on account of the intention with which he gives it, which is really a desire to promote the service of his Majesty & the country to the best of his poor judgement.

Lord North has always thought that his Majesty's resolution to be very sparing in reversions was founded in the truest wisdom, but on account of some which were granted before his time, & from other circumstances, he has never been able

to procure any permanent provision for Mr Brummell who has been his private Secretary for near fifteen years, & he has, indeed had the opportunity of giving him only a very moderate & precarious present income; if his Majesty can consent to a reversion of the value of about 6 to 800 £ p.r ann. It will be a mark of the greatest favour to Lord North, who will certainly be pressed upon this point, as the private Secretories of Mr Rob.t Walpole, Mr Pelham, the D: of Newcastle, & Lord Bute, were much more greatly, as well as permanently provided for. The Clerk of the Pipe is worth from 6 to 800 p.r ann: & is now held by Mr Jno Shelley: If his Majesty could consent to that or any other reversion of the same or

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smaller value, It would answer the highest wish of Lord Melbn, who is, merely afraid that he may appear craving, but humbly submits, That this appearance proceeds from his having had so very few places both during his continuance in office, & to his resolution of never troubling his Majesty for reversions, while he had a prospect of providing for his Secretary in a more usual & regular way.

Thursday Evening 10 o'clock