

Lord North to H.M.

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In obedience to his Majesty's commands, Lord North call'd last night at Lord Mansfield's in Bloomsbury Square, but, as his Lordship was gone to bed, Lord North return'd home & sent to L^d Mansfield in writing an account of the business he had to mention to him. L^d Mansfield has just call'd in Downing Street in his way to Westminster Hall, & is of opinion that it would be advisable for his Majesty to send another message to the Duke of Gloucester to the purport of the inclosed note, that the words, for greater precision, may take it in writing, but that as the message ought to be verbal, no copy of it should be left with his Royal Highness.

Downing Street May 20.

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