

H. H. to Lord North

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Lord North, I am much pleased with the draught of the Message, and with that of the bill for preventing Marriages in the Royal Family without the previous consent of the Crown, except the issue of Princesses that have or may be married into Foreign Families; but am much of opinion that the Address of Thanks from the two Houses of Parliament should be separate and brought by the usual Messengers; as this though a salutary Measure, is of utility to the Dignity of My Family and not merely of public Advantage, which are the occasions that require the most solemn Mode of expressing gratitude to the Throne.

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