Lord Barham
July 1. 1805

11734

Admiralty 1st July 1805

Lord Barham humbly begs leave to acquaint your Majesty, that the first report of the Commissioners for revising the civil affairs of your Navy, having been drawn up, in conformity to the Patent, was presented to your Majesty only.

Lord Barham finding on enquiry, that it has been usual to address reports of this kind to your Majesty in Council in order to their being acted upon, has now humbly to suggest to your Majesty, whether it may not be necessary under these circumstances, to refer the said report to your Majesty's Council, in order that the regulations therein proposed, may be taken into immediate consideration.

Lord Camden
July 2. 1805

11735

London
July 2d 1805.

Lord Camden humbly begs leave to submit to your Majesty that in consequence of the Destination of the combined Fleets having been ascertained it will be proper to reinforce the West India Islands & Jamaica & Admiral Knowles proposes that Lieut. Genl Sir Eyre Coote shall now be ordered to proceed to Barbadoes, with the 8th & the

32d Regiment according to the former proposal submitted to your Majesty & that two more Regiments should be directed also to proceed thither — his Royal Highness the Duke of York proposes that the 83 & the 89th Regiments should be dispatched on that Service.

Memorandum from Admiralty.
July 2. 1805

11736

Admiralty Office 2 July 1805.

Extract of a Letter from Capt.n Sir T. Laforey, dated Spartiate in Carlisle Bay Barbadoes the 17th May 1805.

"I have this day received a dispatch from Captain Maurice, Commanding His Majesty's Sloop the Diamond Rock, informing me of the arrival of a Combined French and Spanish Fleet at Martinique on the 14 Inst.; Capt.n Maurice represents this force to consist of 11 Sail of the line French, Seven Frigates, three Brigs, and one Ship armed en Flute; 5 Sail of the Spanish line, and one frigate; this force is commanded by a French Vice and Rear Admiral, and a Spanish Admiral having his Flag at the Main;

they

they could not make out when this Fleet passed the Diamond, whether they had Troops on board or not; I am concerned to state that they have captured His Majesty's Ship Agnè, which was cruizing fifty leagues to windward of this Island for the protection of the Trade. These appear to be the combined French & Spanish Fleet of which sailing Ship Pr.ᵒ Order's dispatch of the 10th. ult.: gave me notice". —

It appears that the combined Fleet was at Martinique on the 20th. May.

AA

Bishop of Worcester
July 8. 1805

to Hd. Hardwicke
(See 11742)

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Hartlebury July 8th 1805

My Lord

I have this morning the honour of your Lordship's Letter of the 5th inst., conveying to me the information from his Majesty that, in consequence of the complaint in his eyes, He thinks it fit, for the present, to defer his journey into these counties. The disappointment will be felt; & the occasion of it would be very distressing, if we had not every reason to believe that, from the King's temperance & habits of life, his recovery from this complaint will be safe and speedy: and if we did not know, too, from other instances, that his Majesty's constitutional firmness and religious trust make him superior to such trials.

I cannot but be much affected by his Majesty's goodness in signifying this event to me by your Lordship; and conclude this trouble with my thanks for the honour & kindness of your Letter.

I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant
R. Worcester

Lord Hawkesbury
July 8th 1805

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St James's Square
July 8 1805

Lord Hawkesbury has the Honour to inform Your Majesty, that in obedience to Your Majesty's Commands he has directed that a Privy Council should be summoned for Wednesday next at three o'clock. Lord Hawkesbury has spoken to the Lord Chancellor on the subject of the Commission, but he is of Opinion that Your Majesty's Signature could not legally be affixed to a Commission for passing Acts antecedently to their being carried through all their Stages in both Houses of Parliament

Lord

Lord Hardwicke will however take care that this Opinion shall not render any Delay necessary in Your Majesty's Journey, as there can be no Inconvenience in waiting upon Your Majesty at Windsor on Friday Morning and receiving there Your Majesty's Royal Signature to the Commission

Mem from Admy.
9th July 1805

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Admiralty Office
9th July 1805

Capt. Betteworth of H. M. S. Curieux arrived last night with dispatches from Vice Admiral Lord Nelson dated Antigua the 12th June. His Lordship arrived with the Squadron under his Command at Barbadoes on the 4th of that Month.

It appears that the combined Squadron passed Antigua on the 8th and on the 20th were seen by the Curieux in Lat.e 33°. 12' Long.e 58 W. steering at first N by E. but afterwards N. N. W.

His Lordship intended to sail again in pursuit of the Enemy the moment the troops taken on board at

at Barbadoes should be disembarked

The Diamond Rock had been obliged to surrender from want of water, after a gallant resistance in which the French lost many men and three gun boats.

The combined Squadrons had suffered extremely from sickness.

Lord Hawkesbury
July 9th. 1805

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Whitehall
July 9 1805
2 p m

Lord Hawkesbury has this Moment received Your Majesty's Note He must have expressed himself incorrectly in the Note which He had the Honour of writing to Your Majesty last Night There will be no necessity for any Privy Council at Windsor on Friday but merely that the Lord Chancellor or in his Absence One of the Secretaries of State should wait upon Your Majesty with the Commission to receive Your Royal Signature Lord Hawkesbury will take care that Your Majesty's Journey should not be delayed on that Account

account as he will himself wait
upon Your Majesty with the Commission
between eight and nine o'clock on
Sunday Morning

The Speech of the Lords Commissioners
in Your Majesty's Name to the two
Houses of Parliament will be
ready for Your Majesty's Approb=
=ation in Council Tomorrow

Lord Barham
13th July 1805

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Admiralty 13 July 1805

report not included

As it may have escaped your Majesty's notice, That the Person struck by Brook the Marine was only a Corporal & so near in Rank to Brook as to lessen the degree of his Crime -

Your Majesty's Board of Admiralty have ventured to suspend the execution of the Sentence, till your Majesty's further pleasure is known -

AA

Bishop of Worcester
13th July 1805

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Hartlebury July 13th 1805

Sir

Lord Hawkesbury's Letter, written by your Majesty's command, could not but affect me very much. What then must I feel from the honour of a Letter under your Majesty's own hand! The disappointment of your sacred subjects is no doubt very great, but the occasion of it is that wch must be felt with singular concern. We understand, however, that the complaint in your Majesty's eye is abated, & we hope that the relaxation of Weymouth, wch has usually been friendly to your health, will gradually remove all remains of it. In this event, your Majesty has the goodness to intend this gracious visit to Worcester another year, to wch therefore every body will impatiently look forward; more especially your Majesty's faithful & almost worn out servant at this old castle. If it please God that I live

so long, or long enough to know that your Majesty is perfectly recovered from all danger of suffering materially by this affection of your eyes, I shall then be the better prepared to depart in peace.

I humbly thank your Majesty for the books you have been pleased to order for me, by wch are meant, I suppose, M. Lehardy's remaining volumes, about which I received a Letter from your Majesty's Librarian, Mr Bernard, some weeks ago.

My fervent & constant prayers must ever be directed to the throne of mercy for your Majesty's health, and that of the Queen & Royal family.

I am,
Sir,
Your Majesty's most obliged & most faithful subject & servant
R. Worcester

The Duke of York
July 10th 1805

Horse Guards July 10 1805

11743

Sir

Having delivered into Lieutenant Colonel Taylors Hands the Papers and usual Returns of last Week and having nothing particular to report for Your Majestys Information I did not venture to trouble Your Majesty by a Letter upon Your immediate arrival at Weymouth

I have the Honor to lay before Your Majesty the Weekly and Monthly States together with the Recommendations for vacant Commissions of this Week for Your Majestys approbation and signature concerning which there is nothing to remark to Your Majesty except the Recommendation of Major General Moore of the Foreiers to be placed upon the Irish Staff in consequence of a particular Commission that he has received from the Master General of the Ordnance.

I have not as yet had an opportunity of arranging with Mr Pitt concerning the Second Lieutenant Colonelcies, but trust that I shall be enabled to make a satisfactory Report to Your Majesty upon the Subject next week

It gives me the greatest Satisfaction to learn that Your Majesty did not suffer from Your Journey, and that You are in such perfect health, that Your Majesty may long continue to for the Sake of us all and of the Whole Country is the constant prayer of

Sir

Your Majestys

most dutifull Son

and Subject

Frederick

Sir Charles Morgan
19th July 1805

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Sir Chas Morgan being prevented by the Gout from paying his duty personally to His Majesty finds himself obliged in this manner to ask His Majesty's Commands respecting the decision of sundry Courts Martial, the Minutes of which are herewith transmitted, in order that His Majesty may have recourse to them, if necessary. Sir Chas has presumed in the enclosed Paper to suggest such Sentiments, as have occurred to him upon a careful perusal of the proceedings on the respective Trials.

Judge Advocate's Office
19 July 1805.

11745 & 11746

Lord Mulgrave
April 12. 1805

11645

Downing Street
April 12th 1805

Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to submit to your Majesty Drafts of Dispatches to Mr Pierrepont, and to your Majesty's Ambassador at St Petersburgh; Lord Mulgrave begs leave at the same time, to offer to your Majesty's Consideration a Draft of the private Letter which He proposes to send to Lord Granville Leveson Gower, on the delicate subject of the Information received from Naples

Enclosure

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B.

By a General Court Martial composed of the same Members and holden at Liverpool, Captain John Walker, of the 2d. Battalion of the 6th. Regiment of Foot was tried and found Guilty of unofficerlike and Riotous Conduct on the night of the 31st. of March last, but was acquitted of having absented himself without Leave on the 30th. of that Month. The Riotous Conduct of which he was found Guilty appears to have been extreme, but in consideration of his having been full three Months in Arrest, the Court Martial has passed the lenient Sentence of his being publicly reprimanded by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, — which Sentence it is presumed His Majesty will deem it necessary to confirm.

Chas Morgan
Judge Advocate Genl.

B

Lord Mulgrave
July 20 1805

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Downing Street
July 20th 1805

Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to transmit to Your Majesty some confidential Communications from Count Woronzow - the Report of Mon.r Novosilzoff to the Emperor of Russia, is stated as most secret, and Exclusively for Your Majestys Information.

Copy 11748 – 50

Most Secret

Downing Street 23d July 1805 –

Sir,

It being of importance in the Event of Hostilities on the Continent, that this Country should be prepared according to circumstances either to menace or attack the Enemy on their Maritime Frontier, and by compelling them to continue in force on the Coast and in Holland, to taken their efforts proportionally in other quarters, I am desirous of calling Your Royal Highness's attention to this subject with a view of considering what proportion of our army now at Home may be made applicable to such a purpose, and what preliminary arrangements are requisite to render the whole, or a proportion of this Force, ready to act on this principle at the shortest notice. –

Royal Highness

The Commander in Chief

as

Ld. Castlereagh to D. of York

Copy 11748 – 50

Most Secret

Downing Street 23d July 1805.

Sir,

It being of importance in the Event of Hostilities on the Continent, that this Country should be prepared according to circumstances either to menace or attack the Enemy on their Maritime Frontier, and by compelling them to continue in Force on the Coast and in Holland, to weaken their efforts proportionally in other quarters, I am desirous of calling Your Royal Highness's attention to this subject with a view of considering what proportion of our army now at Home may be made applicable to such a purpose, and what preliminary arrangements are requisite to render the whole, or a proportion of this Force, ready to act on this principle at the shortest notice.

His Royal Highness
The Commander in Chief

as

As a general outline, it has occurred to me to suggest whether, taking the gross Force now at Home at about 180,000 Rank & File, Artillery included, of which about 70,000 is Militia, a Corps of some 30 to 35,000 Infantry, and some 8 to 10,000 Cavalry might not be immediately selected and appropriated to this Service.—

When the particular Regiments have been designated, which Your Royal Highness may consider most suited to this purpose, it may be desireable to make a distribution of the whole so as to station them as near the points of embarkation, and as much in connection with each other, as may be consistent with a due attention to the present system of Defence against Invasion; the most convenient Cantonments with a view to the object in question, I apprehend,

would

would be the neighbourhood of Cork for such proportion of this Force as must be taken from the Army now in Ireland; Portsmouth, for a limited Corps, and the Positions in Kent for the main Body of the British Force with a view to Embarkation in the Downs. - As the passing of Troops from the Eastern to the Southern Districts can never be productive of any very serious delay in the event of their Services being called for, the superior advantage and convenience of having the greater part of this moveable Force in the Southern District, is not so pressing in point of time as to render it necessary for your Royal Highness to disturb so extensively your present distribution for the security of the Eastern Coast. -

When I am honored with an outline of the arrangements which Your Royal Highness would propose with a view to this object, distinguishing the number and quality of the

the regular Troops, more particularly of the Regular Infantry that will remain for internal Defence supposing the whole of this moveable Force sent upon Service, I shall be prepared to concert such measures with respect to keeping a due provision of Transports in readiness at the several points of Embarkation above specified, as the particular circumstances of the moment may appear to His Majesty's Government to demand. It will certainly make a part of any such ar=rangement to have a Fleet of Transports perfectly equipped and victualled for Foreign Service capable of receiving about 10,000 Men constantly stationed between Cork and Portsmouth, and I am therefore to suggest to your Royal Highness the expediency of stationing, as much in the vicinity of those ports as the distribution

will

will permit, the particular Regiments which Your Royal Highness considers as most proper to be early detached on distant service, in order that any demand of this description which may arise, may be supplied with secrecy and Dispatch.—

I should hope an arrangement of the above description may be made at a moderate Expence without prejudice in the first instance to the efficiency of our internal defence, whilst it may furnish us with additional means of distracting, and at a favorable conjuncture, of attacking the Enemy.—

I have &c.

(Signed) Castlereagh.—

Most Secret

Downing Street 23d July 1805.

Copy of a Letter from Lord Castlereagh to His R.H. The Commander in Chief.

Mem. from Adm.y.
24th July 1805

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Admiralty Office
24th July 1805

The Melampus, Captain Poynty, has brought into Plymouth the Hydra, a Spanish Privateer of 28 guns & 192 men, captured in Lat. 50°, Long. 20° after a slight action in which three of the Spanish crew were killed.

Duke of York

July 25. 1805

11752

Horse Guards July 25. 1805

Sir

I have the honor to transmit to Your Majesty the usual Weekly State together with the recommendations for commissions reported vacant this week for Your Majesty's approbation and signature.

Lord Cathcart having acquainted me that he had received Your Majesty's concurrence to the proposed expedition, the detail of which I understand that his Lordship has laid before Your Majesty, I shall confine myself to submitting to Your Majesty the Appointments of the Generals and other Officers for the proposed staff.

The Detachment of the 20th Light Dragoons will arrive at Portsmouth on the 2d of next month

I beg leave to return Your Majesty my best hearty thanks for Your great goodness in ordering Lieutenant Colonel Taylor to inform me occasionally of the State of Your Majesty's Health, and am sorry regretted to learn that Your Majesty feels Your Sight improved.

Lieutenant Colonel Taylor will have already acquainted Your Majesty with my intention of paying my duty to Your Majesty next Week, I shall therefore not add more at present, but subscribe myself

Sir

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Mem. from Adm.
26th July 1805

11753

Admiralty Office
26th July 1805

His Majesty's Ship Decade arrived in the Tagus on the 10th inst., with Letters from Lord Nelson, dated at Sea, the 15th of June. His Lordship, with the Squadron (including the Spartiate) was on the 19th in Lat. 27° N., Long. 60 W.

The Enemy's Fleet had unfortunately fallen in with & captured several Ships of a Convoy from Antigua the day after it sailed (7th June), of which Lord Nelson was apprized.

Lord Mulgrave
July 30th 1805

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Downing Street
July 30th 1805

Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to submit for your Majesty's Decision The Draft of a Letter to the Elector of Hesse Cassel.

AA

Bishop of Worcester
30th July 1805

to Fredk. Barnard

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Hartlebury July 30th 1805

The Bishop of Worcester acquaints Mr Barnard, that he had the honour of receiving yesterday the new volumes of Laharpe's Cours de Litterature, together with the gracious & splendid present of English books, wch his Majesty has been pleased to order for Hartlebury Library.

The whole came perfectly safe, & without the least injury to the beautiful & elegant bindings, & in exact correspondence to the note of particulars sent with them.

R. Worcester

Mem. from Ady.
30th July 1805

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Admiralty Office
30th July 1805.

Extract of a Letter to Captn. Marsh Commanding the Sea Fencibles at Scilly, dated St. Agnes Friday evening (26th July)

"Thomas Mortimer's Boat boarded a Prussian Brig to day from Naples, who was boarded by a French Fleet of Thirty sail, Fifteen of which were of the Line, off the Coast of Portugal last Saturday (20th), they detained the Brig some time, and made many enquiries if they had seen the English Fleet, and particularly for Lord Nelson. This intelligence they gained from a Lad on board the Brig, who is one of Penzance."

Information received by H. M. Ship Nemesis,

"July 27th at 3 p.m, spoke the Hamburgh Ship Anseatica, from the Isle of France to Tonningen;

the

the Master reports that on the 20th instant, in Lat. 45 - 11 N. Long 19 - 36 W. he was boarded by His Maj.s Sloop Hazard, the Captain of which informed him that two days before, he had been told by a Danish Ship, that the Combined Fleets were seen by him (day not mentioned) Nineteen Sail of the Line, off the Western Islands, going for Cadiz."

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Sir Charles Morgan
31st July 1805

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Sir Chas Morgan is sorry to have so soon occasion again to trouble Her Majesty, but as the Quarter Master of the 3d Regiment of Foot has been a considerable time under arrest, and has been honorably acquitted, Sir Chas. considers it to be proper, that as little time as possible should be lost in the Sentence being made known to him, and to the Regiment.

The proceedings of the Court Martial upon the Trial of a Deserter from the King's German Legion did not go immediately to press, but it is some time, since that has taken place.

31st July 1805.

Enclosure in Sir C. Morgan's July 31/05

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A.

By a General Court Martial holden at Dorchester Barracks on the 1st. July 1805, Paul Auer of the 1st. Troop of Horse Artillery in the King's German Legion was tried and found Guilty of Desertion, and was adjudged to be Transported as a Felon for the Term of Seven Years:

It appeared in Evidence, that the Prisoner during his Absence from the German Legion fraudulently obtained a Bounty, by Inlisting himself in the Marines.

His Majesty, it is humbly presumed, will deem it fit to confirm this Sentence.

B.

By a General Court Martial holden in the Island of Guernsey on the 5th. of July 1805, and on several subsequent days

Edward

Edward Blair, Quarter Master of the 2d. Battalion of the 3d. Regiment of Foot (or the Buffs) was tried upon four several Charges, which with the decision of the Court Martial upon each of them, were as follow;

1st. Unglemanlike and unofficerlike Conduct in having in the Island of Alderney about the Months of December 1804, and January 1805 fraudulently taken from a Box belonging to Henry Bywater a private Soldier of the Battalion and having applied to his private use certain Articles of Apparel,

of which Article of Charge, the Court has acquitted the Quarter Master, the same not having been substantiated by Evidence.

2dly. In having about the same time defrauded William Phillips, a private Soldier of the Battalion, of a Pack containing several Articles of Regimental Necessaries; —

of this Article of Charge the Court has honorably acquitted the Prisoner.

3dly. In having about the same time defrauded Joseph Cunningham another private

private Soldier of the Battalion of his Pack containing several Articles of Regimental Necessaries:

of this Article of Charge the Court has honorably acquitted the Prisoner, adding, that the same appears to have been frivolous and vexatious.

4. and lastly, In having embezzled Regimental Stores about the Month of January last; —

of this Article of Charge the Court has also honorably acquitted the Prisoner, — adding, that the same appears to have been groundless, frivolous, and vexatious.

It is much to be lamented, that Lieutenant Colonel Cuyler should have hazarded any Charge against an Officer, which upon investigation could produce an imputation ~~could produce an imputation~~ of it's having been injuriously or hastily preferred; but as this makes a part of the Sentence, His Majesty may perhaps think it necessary, that some animadversion thereon should appear in public Orders, within the Island of Guernsey at least,

least, where the Trial was had, tho' it cannot but in some measure diminish the Authority and the estimation, which it is desirable for the sake of the Service, that a Commanding Officer should possess in his Corps.

The Judge Advocate General dutifully submits, whether a remark of the following import may not be proper, viz.

"His Majesty has approved the "decision of the Court Martial in acquitting "the Prisoner of the several Articles of Charge; "with respect to some of them, the circumstances "produced in Evidence may not unnaturally have "led the Prosecutor to have given credence to the "representation which had been made to him, "but His Majesty considers it to have been "unwarrantable as well as injurious to have "brought forward the last of the four Articles "of Charge, which the Court Martial (not "without cause) have deemed to have been groundless "and vexatious, but which they seem erroneously "to have termed "frivolous," inasmuch, as "the Charge of embezzling Regimental Stores "is of a very serious nature, and would have called

"for

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"for an exemplary punishment, if it had
"been established by Evidence, of which
"however it appears to have been wholly destitute.

Chas Morgan
Judge Advocate Genl.

Le Chevalier
31 Jy 1807

Lady Downshire
July 1805.

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Sire

I most humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty, whilst I take the liberty to communicate for your Majesty's information, that I have felt it my duty not to give the support of my Family to Lord Castlereagh at the approaching Election for the County of Down, and I very anxiously hope that the reasons which have guided me upon this occasion, and which I shall most humbly state, will be considered by Your Majesty as justifying my conduct. The reasons which have induced me not to support Lord Castlereagh's

Election

are, because he has from Motives best
known to himself long been the Inveterate
enemy of my Family, and its Interests,
and has continued to do it great injury
in return for its support heretofore
solicited & received by him. And for
its subsequent forbearance in allowing
him at the request of Your Majesty's
Ministers to represent the County of Down
and his friend & Colleague Mr Corry
to represent the Borough of Newry.—
Because my Family which is the
oldest and has by far the largest
property in the County is therefore
not only not represented, but that
property is in a great Degree made

Lady Downshire
July 1805.

11762

Subservient to Lord Castlereagh's principal
Design to take from my Family its
Interests & patronage, & to raise himself
And his Connections upon them And
Because for these reasons Lord Castlereagh
has shewn himself entirely undeserving
of our Interest, and is altogether
improper to represent the County of Down.

In support of these reasons I need only
refer Your Majesty to the Conduct
of Lord Castlereagh towards my dear
Lord, to whom he was principally
indebted for his introduction to
Parliament, and consequently for the

Power he thereby obtained under the Government of Lord Cornwallis.

I some time since humbly laid before Your Majesty a Statement of Facts collected and arranged by me soon after my dear Lords decease, in defence of his Conduct and memory, and I trust that I thereby sufficiently proved how the kindness and moderation of his Family towards Lord Castlereagh has been abus'd - particularly at the period of the Union -

His subsequent Conduct has been uniformly mark'd by the greatest injustice towards his Family, and that too, during a period of his heaviest affliction, occasioned by the loss of my dear & much lamented Son. This has been manifested by his disposing

the Family of the Patronage it has been accustomed to employ solely in Support of the Government, and by his bestowing that Patronage on those persons best calculated to enhance his own personal and ambitious Views.

In proof of these assertions I propose evidence that the uniform object of Lord Castlereagh has been, by employing the Patronage of the Crown, both at the time of the Union & ever since, to detach from my Family & its interests every person who could be brought to yield to his solicitations, & to make our Interests subservient to his own aggrandisement.

It is notorious, and it has excited great astonishment, that the Sons & Connections of persons otherwise indifferent but having

Interest in the County of Down, have in great Numbers been appointed by Lord Castlereagh to Situations in India

I have also the misfortune to know, that Lord Castlereagh has repeatedly attempted with the assistance of his Friends to bribe the agents of my Family, & detach them also from its Interests & service

It is no small aggravation of Lord Castlereagh's conduct, that there is the strongest reason to believe he must have prevailed upon Your Majesty's Ministers for a long time past to main I think, to neglect those reasonable requests which I considered it my duty to make in favour of loyal & attached subjects

It has been repeatedly acknowledged by Your Majesty's Ministers that the great

personal & pecuniary sacrifices, which have for ages been made by my Family in support of the Government entitle it to respectful attention. It is impossible therefore for me not to impute the silence, inattention and neglect, which I have experienced from those Ministers, to the interference of Lord Castlereagh. I cannot quit this subject without expressing the indelible gratitude I owe to your Majesty and to every branch of your Royal Family for the great kindness and support which I have received on every occasion, during the whole period of my affliction & difficulties. And with great submission I beg leave to assure Your Majesty that it is with the deepest regret I have felt myself bound by every consideration of duty to my Family, to withdraw our patronage from Lord Castlereagh in favour of the

Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Meade, M.P.,
in the event of his Election, I am fully
persuaded, will steadily adhere to those
principles in support of Your Majesty's
Government, which my Family has always
zealously maintained.

I most humbly intreat Your Majesty to
believe, that I remain with unalterable
Sentiments of Attachment & Gratitude

Your Majesty's
most dutiful &
devoted Servt
M. Downshire
Sandys