Hd. Hawkesbury

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St James's Square
Jany 5 1806

Lord Hawkesbury presents his Humble Duty to Your Majesty, and has the Honour to enclose several Papers on the Subject of the Difference which has arisen between the Lord Mayor and the Heralds of Your Majesty's College of Arms, as to the Station which the Lord Mayor is to take within the Lists of London in the Procession on the occasion of Lord Nelson's Funeral. A Question which is become of more Importance than it might otherwise be, from the Cathedral of St Pauls being intended as a Place for Public Ceremonials on Festive

Lord

Lord Hawkesbury has attended to what both Parties have advanced upon the Occasion and as far as any Research has been hitherto made there does not appear to be any Precedent distinctly in Point. The Lord Mayor has certainly taken Precedency immediately after Your Majesty in all Instances in which Your Majesty or any of Your Predecessors have come into the City but the Heralds contend that these Instances furnish no Precedent for the Situation of the Lord Mayor when Your Majesty is not present, as His Rank on these Occasions arises from his carrying the City Sword, which Your Majesty returns to him and which becomes

Hd. Hardkesbury

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a Sword of State. The Lord Mayor
urges the Commission of Oyer and Terminer
for the City of London (a Copy of which
is herewith sent) and which gives
him Precedency before the Lord
Chancellor and all Peers of whatever
Rank Degree named. Lord Hardwicke
has communicated with the Attorney
and Solicitor Genl on the Subject
They incline to favour the Claim
of the Lord Mayor, but they strongly
recommend a Warrant conformable
to that which Lord Hardwicke
sent, which leaves the Question open
to further Investigation, and saves the
Rights of every other Person, but
appears to the Lord Mayor too
far off the Statute he would
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have held if your Majesty had
been present Lord Hardwicke begs respectfully
to receive your Majesty's commands
on the subject. If the Warrant should
appear to your Majesty to be objectionable
there does not seem to be any other course
than not to meddle at all the
Lord Mayor or the Magistracy of the
City of London on this occasion. A Decision
which would create a considerable degree
of uneasiness and ill humour and which
it would be very desirable to avoid
unless your Majesty should be of
opinion that very decided Reasons
exist against the Mode which Lord
Hardwicke has taken the
liberty to suggest

The King of Prussia
January 6. 1806

Fredk Wm. III

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Monsieur Mon Frère. Le Baron de Harrowby Conseiller intime actuel de Votre Majesté, qu'Elle a jugé à propos d'envoyer en Mission extraordinaire à ma Cour, étant sur le point de retourner auprès d'Elle, Je Me fais un plaisir de rendre justice au zèle et à la prudence que ce Ministre éclairé a déployés en s'acquittant de la Commission dont il étoit chargé. Il aura l'honneur de Vous témoigner Sire, que si le changement absolu des circonstances, et nommément la paix particulière recemment conclue par la Cour de Vienne, ont du nécessairement amener un nouvel ordre de choses, Mes sentimens pour Votre Majesté n'en sont et n'en demeureront pas moins permanens et invariables, et que dans ces circonstances même, Je chercherai à les Lui prouver par tous les moyens qui dépendront de Moi. Je La prie de permettre, que Je Me refère au compte qu'il aura soin de Lui rendre des événemens dont il a été à même de prendre connoissance et de vouloir en particulier, recevoir de sa bouche, l'assurance que Je l'ai prié de Vous renouveller Sire, et que Je M'empresse de Vous présenter ici, de l'Amitié et de la grande Considération avec laquelle Je suis,

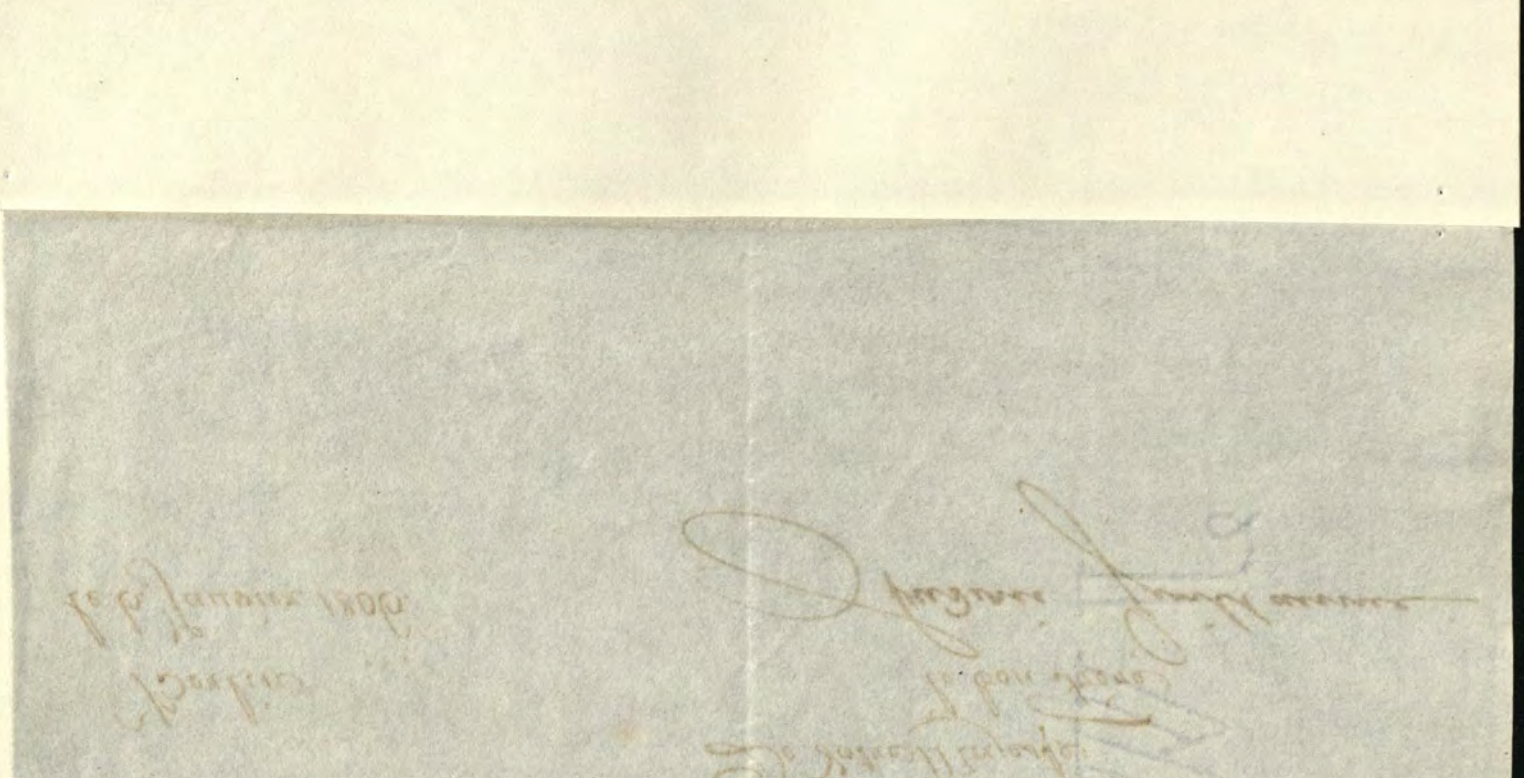
Monsieur Mon Frère,

De Votre Majesté

le bon Frère

Frederic Guillaume

Berlin
le 6. Janvier 1806.



Lord Mulgrave
January 7th 1806

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Downing Street
January 7th 1806

Lord Mulgrave begs to submit to Your Majesty, that Lord Granville Leveson Gower having notified his intention of proceeding to Berlin in his way to St. Petersburgh; It may be expedient to transmit full Powers to his Excellency to enable Him to pursue the negociations at Berlin, in case the state of Lord Harrowbys Health, should render His Return to England necessary.

Lord Mulgrave
January 8th 1806

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Downing Street
January 8th 1806

Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to submit to your Majesty that, in the Event of Lord Granville Leveson Gower having quitted Berlin on His return to St. Petersburgh, the Conduct of the Negociation at Berlin might be transferred to the Earl of Harrington, if Lord Harrowby should return to England. Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to transmit full Powers for your

Majesty's Royal Signature, If this
Suggestion should receive Your
Majesty's gracious approbation.

Ld. Castlereagh to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor
Jan. 11 1806

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Most Secret

Downing Street
Saturday Night January 11th 1806

My Dear Sir

The accompanying Secret Intelligence has satisfied his Majesty's Servants, that we have nothing to expect, whatever we may have to fear, from the pusillanimous and treacherous Policy of the Court of Berlin — Under these circumstances, it has been thought highly

accepting to approve Lord Hardwicke and Lord Cathcart without delay of this Information, in order that they may adopt the necessary Measures for the Security of his Majesty's Troops, whose safety cannot without ~~[illegible]~~ hazard be entrusted to a Power, that we have every reason to apprehend would sacrifice them, rather than consent herself.

In the Event of the Evacuation of the Electorate, it may deserve his Majesty's early

Ld. Castlereagh to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor
Jan. 11 1806

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consideration how far it may be most for
his Property future Interests and those of
his Electoral Subjects, that it should fall into the
Custody of Prussia, if possible under some
distinct understanding as to restitution on
a Peace, or be abandoned to the Enemy – In
the latter case it is not impossible, that France
if ~~the does~~ not employ it, as an object of
Negotiation with Prussia, may in the present
state of her Power incorporate it with Holland,
in order thereby to extend her Influence over
the Northern Powers – Great after the declared Desire

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of Portugal to obtain it, that it is a choice between evils, but whatever his Majesty may in his wisdom determine upon this Point, it will be necessary that it should be communicated to his Servants on the Continent without delay, in order that they may regulate their Conduct, as far as circumstances will permit, accordingly

I enclose the Instructions which have been transmitted this Evening to Lord Cathcart also, the Copy of a Private Letter addressed by me to Lord Harrowby, enclosing the same for his Lordship's Information together with the Secret Intelligence above alluded to

Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Castlereagh

Lt Col: Taylor

Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor to Ld. Castlereagh

Most Secret.

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London January 12th 1806

My Dear Lord,

I have had the honor of submitting to the King, Your Lordship's letter marked Secret of last Night, the accompanying Secret Intelligence, and the Draft of Letters to Lords Harrowby and Cathcart and His Majesty has commanded me to acquaint Your Lordship that He entirely concurs in the Opinion stated in Your Letter, that there is nothing to expect, although possibly much to fear from the pusillanimous and temporizing Policy of the Court of Berlin, and, under these Circumstances, His Majesty cannot but entirely approve the Instructions given to Lords Harrowby and Cathcart which have in view the immediate Adoption of the necessary Measures for the Security of His Majesty's Troops now in the North of Germany. – There is only one point in the Instructions to Lord Cathcart upon which His Majesty was desired to order me to observe. – His Lordship is desired immediately to embark and hold in readiness to sail on the Return of the Messenger from Berlin, the new Hanoverian Choice, whereas His Majesty is of Opinion that it is highly desirable and important that such Directions should be extended to the whole of His Hanoverian

The Right Honble
Lord Viscount Castlereagh

Hanoverian Troops, the Removal of which under present Circumstances should not be subject to any delay which might eventually affect their Security.

Upon the Question, whether, in the Event of the Evacuation of the Electorate, His Majesty may consider it most for His future Interests and those of His Electoral Subjects, that it should pass into the Custody of Prussia under some Understanding as to Restitution on a Peace, or be abandoned to the Enemy, His Majesty has commanded Me to convey in terms most positive and unequivocal His Decision in favour of the latter Alternative, however painful and distressing to His Mind. — His Majesty was pleased to observe that it is a question of which He has been some time in the Expectation, One which He has fully considered in all its Bearings, and upon which His Sentiments have been invariably consistent, that the Occupation of His Electoral Dominions by an open Enemy was preferable to their Possession by a treacherous friend whose ultimate Views upon them have been too suspected and of late avowed almost without disguise. Whilst the Electorate is taken forcible Possession of by an open Enemy, any Arrangement which may take place, will not be the Result of an Agreement on the part of His Majesty which

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might throw Difficulties in the way of his Restitution as a Prince, but if his Occupation by Prussia is sanctioned by his Majesty, even under present Circumstances, and as a temporary Measure, there would be too much Reason to apprehend from the acknowledged Views of Prussia, and her general Conduct that when the Question of Restitution is brought forward, every possible Difficulty and Obstacle would be thrown in his way, and Claims be produced which it would be almost impossible to satisfy.

In forming this Decision, his Majesty has not lost sight of the relative Situation of his Electoral Subjects, having convinced that they have not more to dread from the Presence and Conduct of French Troops than from the Extortions of Prussia. — His Majesty has further commanded me to say that he trusts that his Government will never consent to the Conclusion of any Peace with France which does not provide for the Restitution of his Electorate, that he considers that he and his Family are entitled to the utmost Support of this Country in the Attainment of this Object, and that his Majesty owes it to himself, to the Dignity and Interests of his Family and to every Consideration which attaches him to his Electoral Subjects not to sacrifice his Rights upon this Occasion.

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6a I have endeavoured to state as correctly as I am able, His Majesty's Sentiments upon this important Subject and I hope that Your Lordship will excuse any apparent Inaccuracy

I have the Honor &c

Signed

W. Taylor

Copy of a letter from Mr Taylor to the Chancellor of the Exchequer dated Windsor 12th Sept 1808

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Ld. Castlereagh to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor
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Private Copy

Downing Street Sunday
May 12th 1816

My Dear Sir,

I beg you will represent to the King, that on Receipt of your Letter this Morning, I instantly dispatched a Messenger to Berlin, that Lord Cathcart might receive the earliest Information of His Majesty's Sentiments with respect to the Electorate.

Lord Lord Cathcart should consider the Suggestion with respect to the immediate Evacuation of the Troops nearest to the Frontiers subsistence upon His General arrangements for the Security of the Army. I have written a Private Letter to His Lordship in Conformity to His Majesty's Commands which the Messenger will deliver on His Way to Berlin.

I am &c
signed
Castlereagh

Lt Col. Taylor

Private Copy

Downing Street June 12th

From Lord Cathcart

to Lieut Colonel Taylor

Ld. Castlereagh to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor
Jan. 12 1806

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Private

Downing Street
12th Jan. 1806

My Dear Sir

Not deeming myself authorized without the King's express Commands, to bring under the Consideration of his Majesty's Servants any Question, so purely appertaining to his Majesty's Electoral Councils, as that of considering, in the Event of the British Army being compell'd to evacuate Hanover, how the future Security of the Electorate could best be provided for, I did not feel myself competent, upon receipt of your Letter of Yesterday to do more than apprize Lord Harrowby confidentially of what I had reason to anticipate was his Majesty's sentiments on this Subject, lest his Lordship

and Lord Cathcart might in the Execution of their orders from hence, inadvertently contravene in any degree the Views of the King's Electoral Government on a point of such moment to the future Interests of his Majesty's German Dominions

That the King will consider that Person now only discharging a personal duty to his Majesty, by humbly recommending, so far as his Majesty's Orders to his Electoral Servants may in any degree depend on the Advice, which his Majesty's Confidential Servants might under any circumstances, either now or hereafter deem it their duty to offer to his Majesty, that before the same be

Ld. Castlereagh to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor
Jan. 12 1806

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transmitted, his Majesty would be pleased to authorize me to call the attention of Cabinet to this Subject, as I am not at this moment enabled to submit to his Majesty any Statement of their Sentiments, having only presumed so far to Inform myself of his Majesty's Pleasure, as to guard against any prejudice resulting to his Majesty's Views, from the Mode of conducting the Retreat of the British Army

With this View, I requested Lord Harrowby when he went to Windsor on Saturday to Endeavour to inform himself of the Kings Opinions on the Alternative, which I took the Liberty of submitting for his Majesty

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consideration in my Note of the same Evening in order to avoid unnecessary delay, but not having conceived myself at liberty hitherto to bring this point under the deliberation of the King's Servants, I have not felt myself enabled to submit for the King's Sanction any Official Instructions to be forwarded to the Continent, which Instruction I hereby take his Majesty's permission to offer, in reply to the Communications with which his Majesty has honoured me

Believe me Dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
Castlereagh

Lt Col Taylor

Private
Downing Street 12th Jany
Lord Cathcart

to Lt. Col. Taylor
Jan 13 1806

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Sunday

Lost Secret

My Dear Sir

on a point of such moment and importance to his Property perhaps as well as Interest I am most anxious to guard against any possible misconstruction hereafter, and as I am nothing over your two last Notes, I think it best possible the King may have entertained before a conference with my Colleagues in their Yesterday's Council for a knowledge of their Sentiments, which I did not, I have thought it necessary to trouble you with an explanatory Note; which I beg you

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will do me the favor to communicate
to his Majesty, Sir Dear Sir
yours very truly

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Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor to Ld. Castlereagh

Private Copy 11934

London January 14th 1806

My Dear Lord,

Immediately after I had had the honor of reading to His Majesty the Letters which Your Lordship addressed to me Yesterday on the Subject of His Majesty's Electoral Dominions, the King took up His Pen and wrote the Letter which is transmitted in the Box, observing that he would keep himself unless Your Letter which he has kept as well as the Originals & Copies of the Correspondence which has passed on the Subject. I was not honored with any further Commands than to send the King's Letter.

I be signed

H Taylor

The Right Honble
Lord Viscount Castlereagh

Copy of a letter from Lt. Col. Taylor to Lord Castlereagh January 14th 1806.

H. M. to Ld. Castlereagh

Copy 11935

Windsor Castle January 14th 1816

The King directed Lieut Colonel Taylor to state in a confidential letter, His Majesty's Sentiments as given on the fullest Consideration of the present Dilemma in which His and His Family's Interests in Germany are placed by the untowards Events that have arisen in Germany, and in Consequence of which He has already sent Orders to Count Munster by no means to enter into any Negociation with Prussia, and that His Majesty decidedly thinks that His Dominions being in the hands of an open Enemy is less dangerous than in those of a false friend. Therefore He by no means calls on His British Ministers for an Opinion on a Subject which can alone be determined by what His Majesty feels the

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Copy
From the King to Lord Castlereagh. January 14th Windsor Castle. 1816

rows to himself and family.

signed

George R.

Bp. of Lincoln (Tomline) to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor

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(Copy).

Putney Heath

Tuesday January 23rd

½ past Nine P. M.

Sir,

I was honored with your letter this morning and encouraged by the gracious manner in which His Majesty condescended to receive the particulars with which I troubled you last Night, I take the liberty of communicating to you for His Majestys Information, the situation of Mr. Pitt this evening. – The Physicians were here more than three hours, and saw Mr. Pitt at the beginning, middle and end of that time; – most truly concerned I am to say that they pronounced Mr. Pitt materially worse, and growing worse every hour; his debility has encreased, as well as his Fever; his Tongue and Throat are worse; he is more restless, and there is

Lieut. Colonel Taylor

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a greater degree of flatulency — upon the whole they think that there are now no reasonable hopes of Mr. Pitt's doing well, though they do not represent his recovery as impossible. — I thought it my indispensable Duty to state these circum=stances in Detail, that His Majesty might be acquainted with Mr. Pitt's real situation. — I flatter myself that I do not presume too much in the conviction I feel that this detail will give great anxiety and pain to His Majesty and therefore if any favorable change should unexpectedly take place, I will not fail to give you immediate Notice of it. — In any case, I will dispatch a Messenger to you to Morrow Morning at Windsor, after the Physicians have given their opinion; they are to be here at Ten o Clock. —

I write under great Agitation which I trust His Majesty's

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Bp. of Lincoln (Tomline) to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor

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goodness will pardon. I omitted to state that in the last twenty four Hours Mr. Pitt has taken his usual quantity of Nourishment at least, and all the Medicines ordered, but without support or advantage, a blister is to be applied between the Shoulders to Night. –

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(Signed) G Lincoln

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Putney Heath 21 January 1806
½ past 9 P. M.

The Bishop of Lincoln
To
Lt Colonel Taylor

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Bp. of Lincoln to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor

Copy 11938

Putney Heath, Wednesday
22d January 1806
½ past 11 A. M.

Sir,

The Physicians have seen Mr Pitt, and I am truly unhappy to repeat the Report which I have just received from them; the pulse are more feeble and more frequent; the general strength is less and upon the whole the disease is making progress, though there are no symptoms of immediate dissolution.-

I take the liberty of adding for His Majesty's information, and the goodness I have already experienced from His Majesty induces me to hope that He will not be displeased, that I was with Mr Pitt nearly an Hour this Morning; I thought it my Duty to speak to Him upon Religious subjects, and I was beyond measure happy to find His mind in a state very

Lt Colonel Taylor

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Putney Heath 22d January 1806
½ past 11 A. M.

The Bishop of Lincoln
To
Lt Colonel Taylor

much to my satisfaction; He allowed me to pray with him; he expressed great Humility and Trust in the Mercy of God; he was fully sensible of His Situation and said that He died in peace and Charity with all mankind; I then mentioned His worldly Affairs; He attempted to write but was unable; He desired me to write down several particulars, which He signed, and declared them to be His last Will and Testament.—

If you should judge it improper to mention these circumstances to The King, I beg you to suppress them. I fear that I have again to entreat His Majesty's Pardon for the manner in which I write.—

I have &c.

(Signed) G. Lincoln.—

Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor to Bp. of Lincoln.

(Copy)

Windsor January 22d 1800

My Lord Bishop.

Although The King had been pleased this Morning, to order me personally to convey to Your Lordship His thanks for Your very great attention in communicating to His Majesty the particulars of Mr. Pitt's situation, and to express to You the sensations of deep Regret and Concern with which His Majesty had received the Melancholy account which Your Letter of last Night contained, I have since My return from Putney, been Honored with The Kings Commands particularly to thank Your Lordship for introducing in Your letter dated this Morning the mention of what had passed between You and Mr. Pitt upon religious subjects. — In the distress

The Lord Bishop of Lincoln
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with which His Majesty views the approaching loss of a Person for whom He feels so sincere a regard both from Public and Private motives, His Majesty has derived some Relief and Consolation from what Your Lordship has mentioned in regard to the State of Mind in which You have found Mr. Pitt, fully impressed as His Majesty has ever been with the Conviction of the Comfort which under the severest Calamities, and under Circumstances the most trying, is to be found in a true sense of Religion, and in that Trust in the Mercy of God which Mr. Pitt feels; And His Majesty was pleased to add that it was a Subject of no small Satisfaction to Him, that Your Lordship is now with Mr. Pitt, as He is well aware of the Comfort which He must receive from conversing with You, and as He has the fullest Confidence in

Your

Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor to Bp. of Lincoln.

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Your Lordship's Endeavours to Continue to direct His Mind to those serious considerations which You have already brought before Him.—

I sincerely wish it was in My power to do Justice to the feeling and affectionate Manner in which The King expressed Himself this Morning and since.— Although His Majesty had not been sanguine in His hopes of Mr. Pitt's Recovery, since He was first made aware of His precarious Situation, His Majesty did not expect that the Progress of the Disorder would have been so rapid and He was deeply affected when Your Lordship's last Communications were made known to Him, although truly sensible of Your attention in not concealing from Him, Mr. Pitt's real Situation.

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Taylor.—

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Windsor 22 January 1806

Lt Colonel Taylor

To

The Bishop of Lincoln.—

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Putney Heath 22d Janry 1806
10. P.M.
The Bishop of Lincoln
To
Colonel Taylor –

11941 Putney Heath
22d January 1806
10 o'Clock P.M.

Sir,

I have had the Honor of receiving your letter written from Windsor this Evening. The approbation which His Majesty has been so graciously pleased to express of the communications which I have taken the liberty of making to His Majesty through you respecting Mr Pitt's situation and feelings has made a deep impression upon my mind, and is a great consolation to me under my present affliction. I have only to add, for His Majesty's information, that since I had the Honor of writing to you in the morning, the symptoms have become worse, particularly within the last five hours and indicate approaching, though perhaps not immediate, dissolution. –

I have &c.
(Signed) G. Lincoln. –

Colonel Taylor

Bp. of Lincoln to Lt. Col. Herbert Taylor
Jan. 23 1806

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Putney Heath
Thursday Morn: 5 o'Clock.

With inexpressible concern the Bishop of Lincoln informs Colonel Taylor, that Mr Pitt expired at half past four. –

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Putney Heath 23d Jan. 1806
5 A. M.

The Lord Bishop of Lincoln
to Lt Colonel Taylor. –

Lt. Col. H. Taylor to Bp. of Lincoln

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Windsor 23rd January 1806

My Lord Bishop,

Unwilling as I feel to intrude upon your Lordship by any communication in your present severe affliction, I consider it my duty to acquaint you that I have conveyed to the King's knowledge the very melancholy Event which took place this morning. Every Individual who is sincerely attached to His King and His Country must enter deeply into His Majesty's feelings upon this distressing occasion and those are very acute. His Majesty has again charged me to thank your Lordship for your attention. –

I have &c.

(Signed) H. Taylor

The Lord Bishop
of Lincoln. –

Copy
Windsor 23rd January 1806
Lt Colonel Taylor
to
The Bishop of Lincoln.

Cabinet Minutes

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24 Jan 1806

Present

The Lord Chancellor
The Lord President
The Lord Privy Seal
Duke of Montrose
Lord Castlereagh
Lord Mulgrave
Lord Barham
Lord Hawkesbury

Your Majesty's Confidential Servants have in obedience to Your Majesty's Commands most seriously considered the two following Questions

First Whether it is practicable to form an Administration out of the Persons who composed the Administration under Mr Pitt which would be capable of carrying on Your Majesty's Government under

under the present Circumstances with Advantage to the Country

Secondly Whether if an Arrangement to this Effect is judged impracticable There appears to be any considerable Addition of Strength within the Reach of Your Majesty's Servants which would enable them to suggest to Your Majesty the means of constituting such an Administration

Your Majesty's Servants having fully discussed and maturely weighed all the Considerations which bear

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on these important Questions humbly
represent to Your Majesty that they
feel it to be their Duty to answer
both these Questions in the Negative

Lord Hawkesbury has communicated
the above Minute to the Duke of Portland
and Earl of Chatham who have desired
to express their Concurrence in it

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Edward
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Duke of Portland

Jan. 24 1806

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The loss which Your Majesty has sustained by the melancholy Event which took place yesterday morning is so sudden & so severe to the Duke of Portland that it seems to obstruct for a season your Majesty's paternal care to offer to Your Majesty's Service one of his most anxious & most assiduous concerns.

From the moment at which the Duke of Portland became first apprised of the precarious state of His Son's health, he could not but turn his mind to the effect which an event so fatal might produce upon the Political power of Your Majesty's Ministers. Such as he have had the misfortune to experience so much of late from the Almighty Providence to have partaken with the end of the unfortunately afflicted with alternate fears & hopes of His Recovery. In the latter case

Lord the Duke of Portland cannot but acknowledge to Your Majesty that as far as he is capable of judging the Difficulties which those Persons to whom Your Majesty is pleased to entrust the Conduct of Your affairs in this two Houses of Parliament, but more especially in the House of Commons would have had to struggle with would have been very far from inconsiderable, but with the Weight & Authority of Your Majesty's Support this Success was not an Event to be despaired or depended of, & the D. of Portland is strongly persuaded that Your Majesty would not have found one of those disposed to shrink from Your Service. But the Calamity with which We have just been visited most materially alters the State of things, & calls upon the D. of Portland to lay his Sentiments to Your Majesty & his grateful Remembrance of the Condition on which Your Majesty was pleased to annex to Your Commands to him to retain the flattering distinction of being indulged the ~~title~~ of Your Majesty's Confidential Servants, by representing to Your Majesty

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Duke of Portland

Jan. 24 1806

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the inability (which in his conscience he believes it to be the opinion of all his
Colleagues as well as his own) to your Majesty's present Servants to carry your
Majesty's Business through the House of Commons, or to resist the attacks of Opposition
with any certainty of success. At a crisis of this nature he respects himself
to undertake the fair full task of submitting his sentiments on the momentous subject
to your Majesty; he can not forbear consistently with the same Duty & from
Zeal to your Majesty's better Judgement the weight of Your Majesty's
heavy displeasure to be influenced by fears of some ~~evil~~ of those consequences
which the present Opposition in order to excite Your Majesty to form an efficient
Administration capable of conducting your Majesty's Affairs. The D. of P. fears that
such a step is to be shewn to require any Argument to enforce it & he will therefore
only submit to your Majesty's consideration whether the disadvantages which may arise
from this being resorted to as soon as it can be well to find your Majesty's Service
may not outweigh any which ~~[illegible]~~ can be expected to be
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The Duke of Richmond is fully sensible of the happy occasion for all the

Sentiments which he has ever expressed for Your Majesty's service. Your

Majesty's paternal Freedom and which he has ever sought to inculcate

Regard to preserve the Freedom and which he has ever sought to inculcate

Dominions & Spirit. Your Majesty's Rule is to be to keep to blend harmony

Union and Loyalty & respect for the Constitution & conscientious sense of the

Duty to Your Majesty and is most anxious. Should it arise in future

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to be power any measures which may be needed, he trusts with confidence

to be assisting Your Majesty's Government & of being permitted by Your

Majesty to rank himself among the most attached of Your Majesty's

faithful servants & subjects.

Burlington House

Friday 24 January 1806. 2 p.m.

January 25th 1806
Lord Mulgrave

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Downing Street
Jan.y 25th 1806 -

Lord Mulgrave begs leave to submit to your Majesty's gracious consideration the Case of Mr Ward under Secretary of State in the foreign Department. This Gentleman at the time of accepting that office relinquished an Annual Profit from his Profession at the Bar of from one thousand to twelve hundred Pounds a Year; He had also a Promise from Mr Pitt, and the approbation of the Lord Chancellor, of a Recommendation to your Majesty, for the Situation then vacant of a Welch Judge

under these circumstances and in consideration of Mr Wards diligent, and able Discharge of the duties of his office, Lord Mulgrave begs humbly to recommend to your Majesty, that an allowance of £1000 per Annum to Mrs Ward, (wife of the said Mr Ward) should be assigned on the Establishment of the Department for Foreign affairs (under the usual Restrictions) in the Event of Mr Ward quitting the Situation he at present holds.

Lord Castlereagh
25th January 1806

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Downing Street
25th Jany 1806

Lord Castlereagh has the honor humbly to recommend to your Majesty the Pt Hon.ble William Dundas to succeed Lt Genl Hunter deceased in

the Lieu.t Government of Upper

Canada

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Comparative State of Numbers of 9 Battalions of the King's German Legion from the weekly State of the 25th Jany 1806 and the Embarkation Returns. —

	25th Jany		Embarked		Gained	Lost
1st & 2d Light Bn	960	Rt	793		—	167
2d do	1141		853			288
1st Bn Line	810		812		2	
2d do	907		935		28	
3d do	821		865		44	
4th do	923		900			23
5th do	936		936			
6th do	937		996		59	
7th do	708		654			54
Total	8143		7744		133	532

Deficiency 399.

Comparative State of Numbers of the German Legion. 25th Jany & Embarkation Returns.

Ld. Castlereagh

Jan. 26 1806

St James's Square
26th Jan. 1806

Lord Castlereagh has the Honor
humbly to submit for your Majesty's
Royal Signature, a Warrant granting
the Reversion of the Office of
Secretary in the Island of Barbadoes,
now held by Mr Percy Wyndham,

to Mr Jones, rather to the Earl of Camden

It was Earl Camden's intention had he continued to hold the Seals of the Colonial Department, to have solicited this favor from your Majesty, and Lord Castlereagh heartily hopes, that the strong interest Lord Camden

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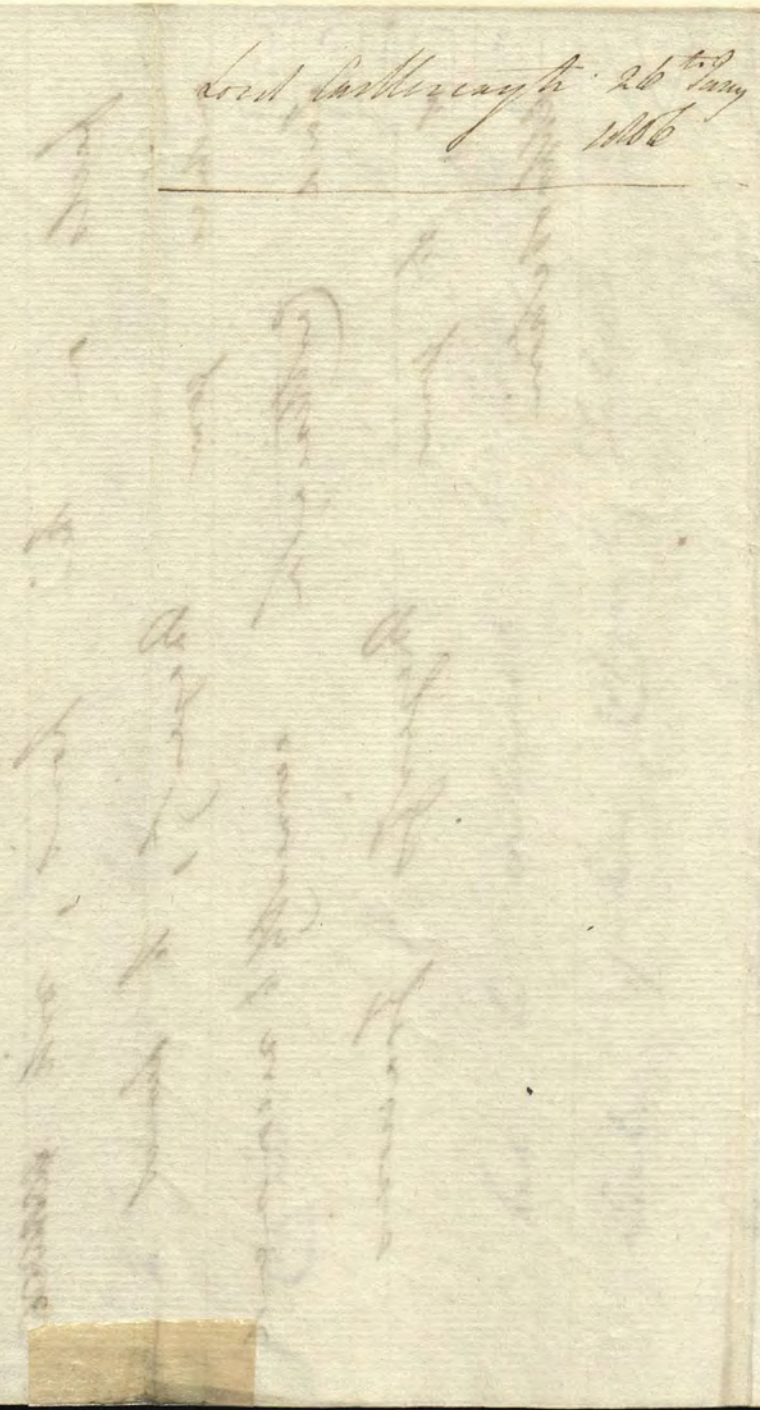
induce your Majesty, to direct
Lord Castlereagh correctly to recommend
it, to your Majesty's Gracious
approbation

Lord Castlereagh. 26th Jany
1806



Ld. Castlereagh

Monday Jan. 27 1806

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St James's Square

Monday Even: 9 P.M.

27 Jan 1806

Lord Castlereagh has the honor humbly to represent to your Majesty, that the House of Commons divided this Evening about 8 o'clock on Mr Lascelles's Motion (the Words of which follow in the Precedent in the Case of the late Earl of Chatham) when the Numbers were as follows,

Ayes 259 Noes 89 Majority 170

The speakers in the course of the debate were in favor of the Motion – Mr Lascelles – Lord Tichfield Mr Hewhens Browne, Sir Robert Buxton Lord Temple Lord Loftus, General Tarleton – Mr Richard Ryder, Mr Rose – Lord Castlereagh Mr Wilberforce & Sir R. Williams – Against the Motion Lord Folkestone

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Mr Smith of Norwich, Mr Wyndham
Mr George Ponsonby and Mr Fox

Mr Cartwright Member for
Northamptonshire gave Notice of
a Motion for Monday next, for
the payment of Mr Pitts Debts

your Majesty's Servants
propose to lay the Treaties tomorrow
before both Houses, and to propose

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A vote of thanks to your Majesty's Officers and Seamen who achieved the late Naval Victory

Lord Melbourne
Windsor Castle
May 30th 1840

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Ld. Castlereagh

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Downing Street
29th Jan. 1806

The Government of the Island of Dominica having become vacant by the resignation of Sir George Prevost appointed to the Govt. of Portsmouth Lord Castlereagh begs leave humbly to recommend the Hon.ble Colonel Henry

Blackwood late of the Surgates,
to your Majesty's gracious Consideration
for that Appointment

Captain Blackwood's Character
and Services in the Navy, & particularly
the share he took in the late glorious
victory off Cape Trafalgar, Lord Collingwood
wants only entitle him in your Majesty

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Lord Castlereagh
29th January 1806.

Ld. Grenville

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Camelford House
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Lord Grenville is extremely con-
-cerned to find himself under the
necessity of trespassing upon the indul-
-gence of Your Majesty, by humbly
soliciting leave to defer till Sunday,
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at such hour as Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to appoint, the honour of waiting upon Your Majesty with the paper which he has received Your Majesty's commands to prepare. He trusts that Your

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Majesty will have the goodness to believe that no exertions have been wanting on his part to execute those commands with the utmost possible diligence, and in such manner as may be most satisfactory to Your Majesty.

Lord Grenville
January 29th 1806

A. to Ld. Granville

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Windsor Castle 30th January 1846

The King is sensible of Lord Granville's usual Punctuality in giving him Notice that he shall not be ready to attend Him this day with the Paper which he was to have prepared, and His Majesty in consequence fixes the hour of Two for seeing Lord Granville Tomorrow

Signed

George R.

To Lord Granville
30th January 1846.

Ld. Castlereagh

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Downing Street
30th Jan 1806

Lord Castlereagh in justice
to the able and laborious services
of Mr Coke, feels it his duty
humbly to submit them to your
Majesty's gracious Consideration, as
deserving of reasonable honour upon

his retiring from the Office of Under Secretary of State

Mr Cooke was introduced into the Colonial Department by Earl Camden, and has without the aid of a Colleague transacted both the Military and Colonial business of the Office, highly to the satisfaction of those entrusted by your Majesty with the Seals of

Ld. Castlereagh

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this Department, upon which grounds Lord Castlereagh begs leave humbly to submit for your Majesty's approbation, that a Pension of Six Hundred Pounds a year, be settled out of the Fee Fund of the Office, be granted to Mr Coote on his retiring, on determining in case Mr Coote shall hereafter accept any Office of equal or superior value under your Majesty

Lord Castlereagh

30th January 1806

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Ld. Grenville

Jan. 31 1806

In humble obedience to Your Majesty's commands Lord Grenville has communicated with such Persons as appeared to him best able to assist in framing such a plan of an Administration as might, under the present difficult and arduous circumstances, be most likely to carry on the Government with advantage to Your Majesty's service.

It is with their concurrence that he has now the honour humbly to submit to Your Majesty that the Cabinet Council might, if Your Majesty were pleased to approve of it, consist of the following persons holding the respective offices undermentioned, viz.

Lord Chancellor — Mr. Erskine.

Lord President ..... Earl Fitzwilliam

Lord Privy Seal Viscount Sidmouth

Secretary of State foreign department, Mr. Fox

..... Home department, Earl Spencer

..... War department, Mr. Windham,

First Lord of the Admiralty Mr. Grey

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Earl of Moira

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord Henry Petty,

First Lord of the Treasury, Lord Grenville,

And to this Cabinet, if Your Majesty approved of it, it would also be proposed that Lord Ellenborough, Your Majesty's Chief Justice of the King's Bench, should be added.

No new arrangement is here submitted to Your Majesty respecting the important office of Master General of the Ordnance, untill it shall be known whether the Earl of Moira, shall be willing to undertake the situation of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland,

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which proposition Lord Moira's absence from London has obliged Lord Grenville to submit to Your Majesty without His Lordship's knowledge.

It wants be farther humbly proposed, that Lord Minto should be President of the Board of Controul for India,

Lord Auckland President of the Committee of Your Majesty's Privy Council for the affairs of Trade

General Fitz Patrick, Secretary at War,

and Mr. Digott, & Mr. Romilly, Attorney and Solicitor General.

Lord Grenville has thus presumed to lay before Your Majesty the humble opinion of the Persons with whom he has communicated as to the formation of a Cabinet, and the disposal of the principal Offices of Business, agreeably to what he understood to be Your

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Majesty's pleasure. The arrangements for the Boards & other offices of less importance, would be formed on a similar principle of comprehending as much as possible those persons of different descriptions who might appear likely to be most useful to the carrying on Your Majesty's Service.

Lord Grenville cannot submit these ideas to Your Majesty on the part of the persons above named, or, still more, on his own part, without expressing at the same time the deepest sense of the difficulties of the different situations which it is here proposed that they should respectively undertake, together with the humble assurance of their earnest desire to manifest to the utmost of their power by every part of their conduct, their zeal for the Honour & interests of

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Your Majesty's Government, and their Respect, Duty, & attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person.

The arrangements to be made respecting the Defence of the Country, and the Administration of the Military Service in all its extensive & various Branches, must of necessity form the first object of attention to any Persons whom Your Majesty may be pleased under the present circumstances of Public affairs to call to Your Service. And in the present moment the Persons above named only venture to express the Hope that, should Your Majesty be pleased to call them to Your Confidential Councils they may be honoured with Your Majesty's gracious Confidence on the whole of these important matters

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without appearing to transgress the limits of their Duty, and that Your Majesty will be favourably disposed to the discussion of such measures respecting it as on a full examination of the subject, aided by those means of information which official situation can alone furnish to them, shall appear to them advantageous or necessary to be submitted for Your Majesty's consideration.

It would at all times be the earnest wish of the Persons above named to avoid to the utmost of their Power submitting to Your Majesty proposals for extending the Peerage. But in the first formation of a new Government they trust that Your Majesty would not be disinclined to honour with that dignity a very few Persons, not exceeding four or five at the utmost,

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all of them of such rank & station in life as seem to point them out as unexceptionable objects for Your Majesty's favour in that respect.

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Ld. Castlereagh to

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Downing Street
31st Jan 1806

Lord Castlereagh has the
honor, pursuant to the humble
advice of your Majesty's Confidential
Servants, to lay before your
Majesty for your Royal Signature

the accompanying Messages to
the House of Commons, accordingly
them to enable your Majesty
to grant the following Annuities
viz to Lady Viscountess Nelson £2000 per
annum during her Ladyship's Life —
To Lord Ellenborough and the Two
next Heirs to the Title £2000
a year and to Sir Richard Strachan

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Endowment of £1000 for his Life

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Sir J. Simeon
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