Mr Fox. May 1st 1806

One Enclosure

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Mr Fox has the honour of transmitting to Your Majesty the Minute of what passed in the House of Commons last night. — Mr Fox trusts in Your Majesty's Goodness to excuse his having omitted to send it to Your Majesty this morning from the very late hour at which Mr Fox returned home, the House not being up till two o'clock. —

Downing Street 1. May 1806

Enclosure

Minute
of the House of
Commons
Wednesday April 30th
1806

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Minute of the House of Commons on
Wednesday the 30th of April —
Mr Windham moved the second reading of
the Bill to repeal the additional Force Act
passed in June 1804. Sir James Pulteney
opposed the motion and Mr Canning moved
to defer it for three weeks. The principal
speakers were

for the repeal —
Mr Mainwaring
Mr Wilberforce
Mr Hawkins
Lord Euston
Mr Vansittart of Berks
Mr H. Thornton
Mr Bastard
Mr Charles Dundas of Berks
Ld. Stanley
Mr Goldsing

Against
Sir James Pulteney
Mr Canning
Mr Charles Long
Mr Lascelles
Mr Spencer Stanhope
Lord de Blaquiere
Mr Sturges Bourne
General Nalton

A Division took place at one o'clock
For the Repeal — Against
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Lord Howick
May 4th 1806

12199

Admiralty May 4th 1806

Lord Howick has the honor & satisfaction of transmitting to your Majesty dispatches received this morning from Sir John Warren announcing the capture of the Marengo & Belle Poule by your Majesty's Ships London & Amazon.

The satisfaction which Lord Howick

fals in the sums of Sir Harry Neale, is
much increased, by the accompanying private
letter from that distinguished Officer, which
Lord Howick humbly asks leave to lay
before your Majesty, announcing his acceptance
of a seat at the board of Admiralty.

Ld. Spencer
C & H.M.'s reply

May 7 1806

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying at your Majesty's Feet a Book which Lord Rolle has been desired by the Trustees of Blundell's Free Grammar School at Tiverton in Devonshire humbly to present to your Majesty containing the account of some charitable Foundations established by an Individual who is described to have been of low Origin but of no inconsiderable Abilities and Acquirements.

Earl Spencer at the same time humbly solicits your Majesty to signify to him

Your Majesty's Pleasure relative to the Request of the Duke of Somerset for a Permission to drive through the Horse Guards.

May 7. 1806
Whitehall.

Ld. Spencer
C & H.M.'s reply

May 7 1806

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Windsor Castle May 6th 1806

The King has received the Book which Earl Spencer was requested by Lord Rolle to send him and His Majesty acquiesces in the Duke of Somerset's Request for Permission to drive through the Horseguards.

Signed

George R.

Lord Spencer
May 7th 1806

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Copy of Answer
May 8th

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From Mr Fox
May 8th 1806

12202

Mr. Fox being detained in the House of Commons last night had not time to read Lord Granville's Levison Gower's Dispatches with sufficient attention to enable him to venture to make any observations on them to Your Majesty. Having now read and considered them Mr. Fox has to congratulate

Your Majesty on the excellent disposition of the Court of Petersburg and on the complete refutation they contain of the Reports circulated here, as well as of the false representations of Count Hauguwitz in the intercepted letter to the Baron Jacobi.

Downing Street
8. May 1806

Copy
To Mr Fox.
May 9th 1806

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Windsor Castle May 9th 1806

The King has remarked with much satisfaction the favorable Report which Lord Granville Leveson Gower in his last Despatches contained of the Disposition of the Court of Petersburg, and His Majesty is persuaded that Mr Fox, upon reading Count Razumoffsky's Letter will have recollected His having said to Him that He was not upon any Occasion to be trusted.

Signed

George R.

Lord Spencer
9th May 1806

12204

Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before
your Majesty for your Royal signature,
if approved, a Warrant for appointing
the Earl of Gosford a Privy Councellor
in Ireland; which honour he has solicited
through the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on
the ground of his three immediate Predecessors
in the Office he now holds, of Clerk of
the Hanaper, having been Privy Councellors.

9 May 1806.
Whitehall.

Wm. Windham

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Downing Street.
May. 10th 1806

Mr Windham humbly acquaints
Your Majesty, of the return to England
of Sir James Craig, who writes from
Plymouth on the 8th Inst: and describes
the state of his health, as the cause

of his having been compelled to quit his command. There are dis-
patches from him received at the same time, the last of them dated on the 25th March at Messina, which contain an account of such occurrences as had taken place down to this time, the principal of which is the entire dispersion of the Army in Calabria under Gen. Damas, and the arrival in Sicily of the Hereditary Prince with only a few followers. The state of things is not described by Sir James Craig as very promising, though he seems to hope, that much of what appears now to be wanting in the disposition

Wm. Windham

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of the inhabitants may proceed from the deficiency of their present means in respect to arms & money.

Mr Windham has likewise thought it right humbly to submit to your Majesty's inspection, the copy of a private letter, which he had sent to his home, before his return was known, & which was calculated to pre-judge him for measures, which your Majesty's ministers conceive it may be their duty before long submissively to recommend to your Majesty.

Mr Wendram
May 15th 1806

Mr Fox
13th May 1806
&
Copy of Answer
14th May.

12207

Mr Fox has the honour of transmitting to Your Majesty a letter communicated to him by Baron de Heerdt

If Your Majesty approves, Baron de Heerdt will attend Your Majesty's Levee tomorrow, and will ask an audience to deliver the Insignia of the Order of the Garter

Downing Street 13. May 1806

See over

Copy

Queen's Palace May 14th 1856

The King approves of Baron de Tuyll, attendant here this day for the purpose of delivering the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by the late Prince of Orange

Signed

George R.

Lord Howick
May 15th 1806

12208

Admiralty May 15th 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of sending for your Majesty's information the accompanying dispatch received this morning from Vice Admiral Sir J. B. Warren.

Sir Jno Warren with his Squadron anchored last night at Spithead, & Sir Jno Duckworth in the Superb arrived on Tuesday at Plymouth.

Ld. Howick

May 20 1806

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Admiralty May 20th 1806

Lord Howick humbly requests your Majesty's commands respecting the Yachts at Deptford, it being necessary to prepare them for your Majesty's service, if they should be wanted this summer.

A.M. to Ld. Howick

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Windsor Castle May 21st 1846

Viewing the uncertainty of the Duration of the present Session of Parliament, it is impossible for the King to give Lord Howick any positive Answer in regard to the Justice, as His Majesty would not feel inclined to go to the Sea Coast until late in the Autumn.

Signed

George R.

From Lord Lowth
20th May 1806
&
Answer 21st May.

Ld. Grenville

May 20 1806

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Downing Street May 20. 1806.

Lord Grenville is obliged again to solicit Your Majesty's indulgence for tomorrow, as he is forbid as yet to put his foot to the ground.

He does not meditate any particular business on which he would have had to trouble Your Majesty, except

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to ask whether Your Majesty would be pleased to approve that the Pension of Sixteen Thousand Pounds p.r annum, which Your Majesty is empowered by Act of Parliament to grant to the House of Orange, during Your Majesty's pleasure, should be continued to the present Prince of Orange

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Ld. Grenville

May 20 1806

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From Lord Grenville
20th May 1806

To Lord Grenville
21st May 1806

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Windsor Castle May 21st 1806

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The King entirely approves of the Pension of Sixteen Thousand Pounds per Annum being conferred to the present Prince of Orange, as He considers that the Loss which that Family has sustained fully entitles it to the Support of this Country. — His Majesty regrets that Lord Grenville still suffers from his Accident. It had been His Intention to have put into Lord Grenville's hands the enclosed Correspondence, but not to have spoken to Him upon it, until He should have had time to consider the Subject fully. It is now sent for His Perusal, in order that He may be prepared for what His Majesty may have to say to Him when next He sees Him.

Signed George R.

Lord Spencer
23d May 1846

12214

Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty a Letter he has received from the Secretary at War humbly submitting for your Majesty's Approbation a Memorandum on the Subject of a proposed Alteration in the present Mode of laying before your Majesty the Sentences of Courts Martial, and stating the Reasons which have led to the Proposal of the Alteration in question. Earl Spencer

humbly

begs permission to represent to your Majesty that the Reasons assigned by the Secretary at War appear to him to have great Weight, and having also the advantage of the Concurrence of His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief, he presumes to hope that the Measure proposed may meet with your Majesty's most gracious Approbation

Whitehall 23 May. 1806.

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To Lord Spencer

24th May 1856

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Windsor Castle May 24th 1856

The King upon consideration of the Secretary at War's communication to Lord Spencer does not object to the proposed Alteration in the present Mode of laying before Him the Sentences of Courts Martial, but His Majesty must observe that in conformity to the Principle which the Secretary at War wishes to establish, which affects the Competency of a Civil Officer to judge upon Military Subjects, the Adjutant General will be the proper Channel in the Absence of the Commander in Chief.

The King is further of Opinion that the Sentiments in writing of the Judge Advocate General should always accompany the Cases which are submitted to Him.

Signed

George R.

Ld. Grenville

May 27 1806

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Downing St. May 27. 1806.
10 P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to submit for Your Majesty's Royal Signature, if approved, an instrument vacating the appointment of Sir George Barlow as Governor General of Your Majesty's dominions in the East Indies.

The circumstances of the case are as follows. In the first days after Your Majesty had been pleased to form Your

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Majesty's present administration, advices were received of the death of the Marquis Cornwallis. And as it was apprehended that in consequence of this event, (for which no provision had been made,) the public service might materially suffer from the want of a person invested with sufficient Powers to act in India as occasion might require, it was judged expedient to recommend to the Court of Directors that Sir George Barlow might immediately be appointed Governor General. But when this was

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done it was at the same time distinctly explained to the Directors that the measure was merely provisional, and was to have effect only until there should be time to consider of a permanent arrangement.

It has accordingly been recently recommended to the Directors that they should revoke this appointment, with the view of appointing the Earl of Lauderdale. But they have declined to comply with this proposal, partly from objections alleged by some of them against the Person recommended,

-mended, but more, it is believed, from a desire to retain one of their own Servants in that high Station - a System of governing India the Objections to which are obvious on the slightest consideration, and have repeatedly been demonstrated by experience.

The same Law which vests in the Directors the power of appointing a Governor General, gives to Your Majesty that of vacating all such appointments. And Your Majesty's Servants humbly conceive that there can exist few occasions more

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proper for the exercise of that Power than one where an appointment originally understood to be merely temporary, is adhered to, for the purpose, as it is supposed, of keeping the Government of India in the hands of a Company's Servant. It is hoped that when this Spirit shall have been frustrated there will no longer exist any considerable difficulty as to the appointment of the Earl of Lauderdale, who is unquestionably a person eminently fitted for that station. But whatever may be the appointment to which

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the present step may lead Your Majesty's Servants cannot hesitate a moment in humbly submitting to Your Majesty their clear, and decided opinion that the Government ought not, in the present critical circumstances, to be left in the hands of Sir George Barlow, and it is on this ground that Lord Grenville has taken the liberty to lay before Your Majesty the inclosed instrument of revocation, which, if Your Majesty shall be graciously pleased to approve the measure, will afterwards, as

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the Act of Parliament requires, be counter-signed by the President of the Board of Control.

Lord Granville begs leave to add that he has carefully read the Papers which Your Majesty has done him the honour of transmitting to him, and that he hopes to be able, (tho' still very lame) to pay his duty to Your Majesty tomorrow, and to receive Your Majesty's commands on the subject to which they relate.

Lord Grenville
May 27th 1806

From Mr Fox
May 29th 1806

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Mr. Fox humbly recommends to Your Majesty to adhere to that part of Mr. Ghebart's letter marked in the margin by a pencil. It amply proves that Your Majesty's opinion concerning Count Haugwitz was perfectly well founded.

Downing Street
29. May 1806

From Mr Windham
May 29th 1806

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May. 29th. 1806.

Mr Windham having been misled in the information which he received respecting Your Majesty's intention of being in Town yesterday, was deprived of the opportunity of submitting for

Your Majesty's approbation an altera-
-tion which it has been proposed to
introduce into the military plan now
depending before Parliament, in
the hope, that it may remove part
of the objections, which Your Majesty's
servants found to their extreme
grief, were entertained by Your Ma-
-jesty against that measure.

It is
now proposed, if it meets Your Ma-
-jesty's approbation, that the right
of prolonging the soldiers service

From Mr Windham
May 29th 1806

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in time of war, should extend to a period of not less than two or three years; whereby, it is hoped, that the danger to be apprehended from a sudden discharge of soldiers in time of war, will be so much diminished, as to be no longer an object of anxiety.

Mr Windham would moreover humbly suggest that in conformity to an opinion seeming to be entertained by Your Majesty, the allowance to be given to soldiers after fourteen years

service, might in any regulations, which Your Majesty should think fit to lay down, be changed from six-pence to four pence a day, which at the same time that it might contribute to give a general impression of the advantages attached to the condition of a soldier, would not be sufficient to draw from the service men who had in prospect the much higher pension that would accrue after seven ~~years~~ further years, making the last for which their service would be required. It will be a subject of inexpressible consolation to me hereafter, if by these letters.

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tions, & others which may at all times be introduced, the measure should appear hereafter to Your Majesty less liable to objection, than it is to be feared has hitherto is has done.

Copy
To Mr Wyndham
May 30th 1806

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Windsor Castle May 30th 1806

The King cannot but approve of any Alterations in the proposed Military Plan, now depending before Parliament, which tend to lengthen the Period of Service, and His Majesty will ever view with pleasure any thing that can amend it, although He has reluctantly acquiesced in the Change of a System with which He himself was himself perfectly satisfied. —

Signed
George R.

Ld. Grenville
(& H. M.'s reply)

May 30 1806

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Downing Street May 30. 1806

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to submit to Your Majesty that by a report made to the Treasury by the Surveyor General of Crown Lands it appears that a proposal has been made for a renewal of the lease of the Manor of Kirkenham which expired

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last year. But on account of the vicinity of that Manor to Your Majesty's Manor of Richmond Lord Grenville thought it proper first to take Your Majesty's pleasure as to the renewal of that Lease, and to submit whether, if renewed, a Clause should not be inserted, enabling Your Majesty to resume it at any time on paying such sum as should be settled by Arbitrators.

Ld. Grenville
(o H.M.'s reply)

May 30 1806

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Windsor Castle May 31st
1806

The King does not object to the Removal of the Lease of the Manor of Twickenham, and approves of the Insertion of the Clause which Lord Grenville has proposed.

Signed

George R.

Lord Grenville
May 30th 1806

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Answer May 31st