Ld. Granville
Col H. M. 's reply

July 19 1806

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Downing Street July 19. 1806

Lord Grenville has the honour most humbly to submit to Your Majesty the draft of the Speech to be made by Your Majesty's Commissioners on the Prorogation of Parliament, if Your Majesty shall be graciously pleased

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to

to approve of it. There seems to be no doubt that the business will be got thro' so as that the Prorogation may take place on Tuesday.

Ld. Granville
Co H.M.'s reply

July 19 1806

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Windsor Castle July 20th 1806

The King acquiesces in the contents of the Speech to be made by His Majesty's Commissioners on the Prorogation of Parliament, of which Lord Granville has sent him the Draft.

Signed

Geo. R.

Lord Grenville - 19th July
1806

Enclosing Draft of Speech on
Prorogation of Parliament
&
Copy of Answer - 20th July

In Lord Grenville..
19th July. — 1806

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Draft of Speech

My Lords & Gentlemen

His Majesty has commanded us to acquaint you that the state of the Public Business enables His Majesty to close this Session of Parliament. We are at the same time directed to express to you the great satis = = faction which H. M. has derived from your unremitting zeal and diligence, and from that attention to the most important interests of His Empire which has been so conspicuously manifested

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in all your proceedings.

The measures which have been adopted for the permanent improvement of the various branches of our Military System, your attention to combine these arrange=ments with the great object of Public Oeconomy, and the regulations which you have established for the speedy & effectual audit of the Public accounts, call for His Majesty's particular acknowledgments.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

We have it in command

command from His
Majesty to thank you
for the Provision
which you have
made for the various
exigencies of the Public
Service, particularly
by raising within
the year so very large
a proportion of the
necessary supplies.
A measure in itself
highly advantageous,
and which must
create both at home
and abroad the most
favourable impression
of our national re=
sources, and of the
spirit which animates
the British People.

You

you may be assured that the utmost attention shall be paid to the frugal administration of those supplies which you have so liberally granted.

His Majesty is particularly sensible of the fresh proof He has received of your affectionate attach= =ment to Him in the provision which you have made for ena= =bling the Younger Branches of His Royal Family to meet the necessary expences

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their station.

My Lords & Gentlemen,

His Majesty being always anxious for the restoration of Peace on just and honourable terms is engaged in discussions with a view to the accomplish=ment of this most desirable end — Their success must depend on a corresponding disposition on the part of the Enemy. And in every event His Majesty looks with the fullest confidence to the continuance

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of that Union and
Public Spirit among
all ranks of His
People which can
alone give Energy
to War or Security
to Peace.

The Chancellor
July 20th 1866

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The Lord Chancellor has the Honor to present his most Humble Duty to the King, & encloses the titles of thirty eight Bills which it will be convenient to pass by commission tomorrow if it shall be His Majesty's Royal will & pleasure.

The Lord Chancellor regrets that his Majesty should have the trouble of two commissions so near to one another, as a second will be necessary on Tuesday to give effect to the Bills which will remain; but it secures against an adjournment of the commons tomorrow, in the event of forty members not being present before four, as the Commons are bound to attend in the House of

Lords whatever may be their numbers, or even the Speaker alone when His Majesty calls for their attendance either in His Royal person, or represented by Commission.

July 20th 1806

The Chancellor
July 22d 1806

12305

The Lord Chancellor has the Honor to present his most Humble duty to the King, & encloses to his Majesty the titles of the nine remaining bills, if it shall be His Majestys Royal will & pleasure that they should pass by commission tomorrow.

The Lord Chancellor also transmits to his Majesty the Commission directed by his Majesty for proroguing the Parliament tomorrow to Thursday the Twenty eighth day of August next.

July 22d 1806.

Ld. Howick
(on H.M.'s repl.)

July 22 1806

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Admiralty July 22d. 1806

Lord Howick begs humbly to submit to
your Majesty the name of Rear Admiral
Stirling as an Officer well qualified to
replace Sir Home Popham in the command
of your Majesty's Naval Force at the Cape of
Good Hope, till the arrival of Sr. Thos.
Trowbridge from India.

Ld. Horwick
(o H. to's reply)

July 22 1806

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Windsor Castle July 23 1806

The King approves of the Nomination submitted to him by Lord Howick & Rt. Hon. Sterling to replace Sir Home Popham on the Command of the

July 22d 1806

Lord Howick to

Copy of Answer

July 23d.

Ld. Grenville

July 25 1806

Downing Street July 25. 1806.
11. PM.

Lord Grenville feels the greatest concern in transmitting to Your Majesty the inclosed dispatches from Lord Yarmouth, together with a copy of the treaty & secret articles signed by M. D'Ostrel, and which Lord Grenville received today from Count Strogonoff. The unexampled

disgrace

disgrace of this transaction, together with the language of Mr. d'Ostrois letters to Mr. de Stroganoff which the latter read to Lord Grenville today, inclines L.G. to hope that some credit is due to Count Stroganoff's strong assurances that Mr. d'Ostrois conduct cannot have been authorized by his Court, and under the impression of

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Ld. Grenville

July 25 1806

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the possibility of this, your Majesty's Servants have taken upon themselves, which they trust your Majesty will not disapprove, to send off this night a Messenger by a fast sailing Cutter to Petersburgh, to direct your Majesty's Minister there to make strong & immediate representations against the ratification of the Treaty.

Your Majesty's Servants

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are inclined, after much & long discussion of the difficult situation which results from this unfortunate event, and from Lord Yarmouth's precipitation in delivering his false Powers without fresh orders, to think that the best course would be to send instructions to Lord Yarmouth to ask for passports for a person of more consequence & authority to

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to joined with him in this Commission,
and to proceed to Paris in order to bring
back the negotiation to the principles
on which it first set out, and which Lord
Granville is sorry to say it appears to him
that Lord Yarmouth has suffered to
be a great deal too much lost sight of.
And Lord Granville hopes to be enabled
tomorrow to submit to Your Majesty

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some proper person for that purpose.

Lord Grenville regrets exceedingly that the continuance of Mr. Fox's severe illness has thrown upon him the weight of a business to the details of which in addition to the current business of his own station he feels himself so unequal, and he humbly solicits Your Majesty's indulgence for any inaccuracy that may

appear

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appear, under these circumstances, in the
conduct of it.

Lord Grenville
25th July 1806

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To Lord Grenville
26th July 1806

Copy 12312

Windsor Castle July 26th 1806

The King has read with great Concern the Dispatches from Lord Yarmouth and the Letter of the Treaty signed by Monsieur d'Oubril, and under Circumstances so difficult and unpleasant, His Majesty cannot but entirely approve of the Instructions sent to His Minister at Petersburg, and of the Proposal to send to Paris as soon as possible a Person of more experience and Authority than Lord Yarmouth who His Majesty cannot forbear thinking has not shown great Judgement in the Proceedings. — The King desires Lord Grenville will be apprised that He has entire Confidence in his Abilities and Firmness towards extricating this Country from the very embarrassing situation in which it would be placed with the original Demands which His Majesty always thought Conceded full enough, if most Positively resorted to, and He hopes that nothing in future will lead to a Departure from it or to an Abandonment of Sicily.

Signed
George R.

Lord Howick
July 27th 1806

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Admiralty July 27. 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of transmitting for your Majesty's information the substance of the intelligence received this morning in several dispatches from Rear Adm.l Sir A. Cochrane. The dispatches were brought by Sir Edw.d Berry, Capt. of the Agamemnon, who has been obliged to

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return to England on account of his health.

Ld. Howick has also the honor of informing your Majesty of the capture of La Guerriere, a French Frigate mounting 50 Guns, by your Majesty's Ship Blanche the particulars of which are detailed in the accompanying letter from Capt. Lavie.

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Barbadoes 29 June 1806

Rear Admiral Sir
Alexander Cochrane

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Admiralty Office 27th July 1806

Captain Sir Edward Berry arrived this day at Noon, with Dispatches from Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, dated Carlisle Bay Barbadoes the 29th June, stating that the following Ships had arrived at Martinique on four different days.

Veteran — 74 — first arrival
Jerome Bonaparte

L'Ecole — 74 } — second —
Impetueux — 74 }

Tonderayant — 80 }
Admiral Williamez } — third —
Valeureuse — 44 }

Caspar — 74 } — fourth —
Patriote — 74 }

When Sir Edward Berry left Sir Alexander Cochrane he had with him the

Northumberland — 74
Canada — 74
Elephant — 74
Agamemnon — 64
Ethalion — 36

and Sir John Warren sailed from Spithead on arrival at Martinique of the French Squadron under Admiral Williamez

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on the 1st Inst, with Orders to proceed immediately, and without deviation, to Barbadoes with

Londroyant — 80
Namur — 74
Hero — 74
Courageux — 74
Rassilies — 74
Lame — 74
Amazon — 36

Sir Edward Berry brings the further information that the Elephants' convoy had arrived in safety, as well as all the ships escorted by the Sta Margaretta

Ld. Grenville

July 28 1806

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Downing Street
July 28. 1806.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to acquaint Your Majesty that on considering the dispatches received this morning from Lord Yarmouth it appeared to Your Majesty's Servants indispensable

that

that not a moment should be lost in sending him such explicit and positive directions as might restrain him from farther committing Your Majesty's Government without instructions.

It was with this view that the inclosed draft was prepared, and

Ld. Grenville

July 28 1806

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and from the urgency of the circum-
stances Lord Grenville has ventured
to take upon himself to desire that
it might immediately be dispatched,
although he had not previously had
the honour of receiving Your Majesty's
pleasure respecting the appointment
of the Earl of Lauderdale, whom
Your

Your Majesty's Ministers beg leave to recommend to Your Majesty to be sent to Paris, as soon as the necessary passports shall arrive. And Greenville begs permission to add that he has conversed fully with Lord Lauderdale on the subject, and has no doubt that he will go there with the fullest disposition to execute punctually the intentions of Your Majesty's Government.

Earl Spencer
29th July 1846

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Earl Spencer is much concerned to be under the Necessity of giving before your Majesty the accompanying Letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in the strong Indulgence, giving an Account of a very serious Affray which took place on the 22nd instant between a Part of your Majesty's German Legion and some Companies of Light Infantry belonging to certain Regiments of Irish Militia. Earl Spencer trusts

however that the Steamers Mob
appear to have been very properly
taken on the Occasion, will tend
to prevent any further Mischief, and
will lead to making an Example of
the Ringleaders in this great Violation
of the publick Peace.

Whitehall. 29 July 1806.

Ld. Eldon

July 29 1806

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Sire

Your Majesty having heretofore been graciously pleased to place in my possession an unfinished Paper of Importance, relative to Your Majesty's private Concerns, and having done me the Honour to mention the Subject of it to me, leaving it in my Hands, when I had last an Opportunity of personally expressing my Duty, Gratitude & Devotion to Your Majesty, I have not been able to allow myself to think of quitting Town without receiving your Majesty's Commands whether

I shall return the Paper to Your Majesty, or in whose Hands I shall place it during my Absence in any part of the Summer. Those Commands, if it be Your Majesty's Pleasure to give them, I beg most humbly & dutifully to solicit, adding that I shall think myself bound, as Your Majesty's infinitely obliged & most grateful Servant, to find the Means, wherever I may happen to be, of yielding the most prompt Obedience to any Command Your Majesty might please, at any Time, to express, requiring Consideration to be given to this Paper. Your Majesty had this unfinished Sketch drawn by the Gentlemen, who have the Honor

Ld. Eldon

July 29 1806

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to be Your Majesty's Solicitor, and Your Majesty was pleased to think it wanted Alteration, but Your Majesty had not expressed your final Pleasure upon the Subject.

I hope Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, if I err in presuming thus to address Your Majesty, to believe that in this, and I am sure in every part of my Conduct relative to Your Majesty & your illustrious Family, I have thought myself actuated only by Motives founded in the Respect, Duty, Gratitude & Attachment, which is so justly due from

Your Majesty's dutiful, grateful
Loyal Subject and Servant
Eldon

July 29. 1806.

Lord Eldon

July 29th 1806

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To Lord Grenville

July 29th 1806

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Windsor Castle July 29th 1806

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The King intends approves of Lord Grenville's not having delayed sending the Answer to Lord Yarmouth's Dispatch received Yesterday, and has enquired in the proper Department of Lord Lauderdale, trusting that under the Instructions which He will receive from Lord Grenville, He will never encourage any Proposal deviating from the Basis first established, nor disgrace this Country by admitting even the Discussion of Points wholly inconsistent with Her Honor & Her Resources, which in His Majesty's Opinion will be much better applied in meeting even the present Difficulties, than in effecting a precarious Peace.— From the Tenor of Lord Yarmouth's Conduct, which cannot make Him appear a safe Person to be joined in the present Commission, His Majesty conceives that it would be much more advisable to entrust Lord Lauderdale solely with the further Conduct of the Negociation.

Signed George R.

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

July 29 1806

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to
lay before your Majesty a Letter
from the Secretary at War containing
a Memorandum on the Subject of the
Mode prescribed for the Judge Advocate
General in laying before your Majesty
the Sentences of Courts Martial which
Memorandum is humbly submitted for
your Majesty's Approbation, for the
purpose of obviating some Difficulties
which had arisen in respect to ascertaining

with Precision the separate and distinct Functions to be henceforth exercised by the Commander in Chief and the Judge Advocate General.

Whitehall 29 July 1806.

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

July 29 1806

Copy 12322

Windsor Castle July 31st 1806

The King approves of the Memorandum submitted to him through Earl Spencer by the Secretary at War on the proposed mode of laying before His Majesty the Proceedings of General Courts Martial.

Signed
George R.

Earl Spencer
29th July 1806
&
Copy of Answer 31st July

Earl Spencer
30th July 1866

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to acquaint Your Majesty that upon enquiring at his Office since he left the Queen, he discovers that the Box which should have been sent to Your Majesty this morning has by some Mistake been left behind; he has now therefore the Honour to send it, and to lay before Your Majesty the Memorandum from the Secretary at War respecting the Duties of the Judge Advocate General; and the

Report from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the unfortunate Affair which took place at Tullamore.

30 July 1806
St James's Place.

Ld. Howick
Col. Hale's reply

July 31 1806.

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Admiralty July 31st. 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of submitting to your Majesty a letter from Admiral Dacres enclosing the sentence of a Court Martial on four Seamen belonging to your Majesty's Ship Surveillante for Mutiny.

Lord Howick at the same time humbly

submits to your Majesty that as the Lords Admiral in consequence of the recommendation of the Court has respited the execution of the sentence on Gordon & Walker, that it may be expedient to extend to them your Majesty's Royal Mercy.

Ld. Howick
Col. H.'s reply

July 31 1806.

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Windsor Castle August 1st 1806

In consideration of what is submitted by Lord Howick in regard to Gordon & Watson Four of the Seamen of the Surveillante tried for Mutiny, the King approves of the Commission of the Sentence in their Cases as the recommended the Pardon & Watson,

Signed

George R.

Lord Howick
31st July 1806
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Copy of Answer
1st August 1806