

Mr Grenville
3^d October 1806

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Admiralty. 3 Oct. 1806 1 P.M.

Mr Grenville has the honour of transmitting for your Majesty's information the accompanying Dispatches, which are just arrived from Sir Samuel Hood, with the agreeable intelligence of the Capture of four French Frigates off Rochefort by the Squadron under his Command.

In offering to your Majesty his humble & dutiful Congratulations upon this success, he has much regret in being obliged to add that Sir Samuel

Hood has had the misfortune to lose his right Arm, but he has the satisfaction to hear that he is doing well.

Mr Operville has further the satisfaction of informing your Majesty that by the accompanying papers it appears that the squadron commanded by Sir Thomas Louis has taken the French Frigate the President of 44 Guns.

Minute of Cabinet
October 3^d 1806

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Downing Street Oct. 3^d 1806

Present

The Lord Chancellor
Lord Privy Seal
Earl Spencer
Earl of Moira

Lord Grenville
Lord Henry Petty
Mr. Grenville
Lord Howick.

The draft of instructions to Mr. Frammond, & of the treaty to be negotiated with his Sicilian Majesty, which have been proposed by Lord Howick, to be humbly submitted to his Majesty.

Copy
To Mr Grenville
3^d October 1756

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London Castle 3^d October 1756

The King has received Mr Grenville's
Letter and the accompanying Despatches conveying the
agreeable Intelligence of the capture of four French Prigates
by Sir Samuel Bodd's Squadron and of a fifth by that
under Sir Thomas Lewis, but Sir Bengtson's Satisfaction upon
this Occasion is very much lessened by the severe Misfortune
which has befallen Sir S. Bodd of whom He has ever had
the highest Opinion

Signed

George B.

To The Duchess of
Brunswick Wolfenb^{te}
1786

Copy 12452

London Castle Street 6^{to}
1786

My Dear Sister,

It was not until yesterday that I received certain Information of the Death of your eldest Son, and I trust it is unnecessary for me to assure you how sincerely I condole with you upon this melancholy Event, and how warmly I participate in the pious affliction with which it has pleased Providence to visit you. - I do not, My Dear Sister, attempt to offer you consolation, being convinced that you will not seek for it in vain in that just Sense of Religion, which happily supports us all upon these trying Occasions, but you will be persuaded that no one is more anxious for your Comfort, and the Preservation of your Health than

As
I remain
Your affectionate
George R

Ld. Howick

Oct. 7 1806

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Forwarding that Oct. 7. 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of transmitting to your Majesty a letter which he has just received from Count Progonoff, & humbly requests your Majesty's orders upon it.

Lord Howick, at the same time with the publick dispatches, received

a letter from Lord Lauderdale which relates
so much to matters entirely of a private na-
ture, that Lord Howick cannot presume
to trouble your Majesty with it. It contains
however this important information: That
General Knobelsdorff had left Berlin on
2d. to follow Bonebrake to Prayene. This
journey was undertaken in consequence of

Ld. Noricks

Oct. 7 1806

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Having received a letter from the King of Prussia, to be delivered to Bonaparte himself, of its contents Lord Lauderdale had received various accounts; all however agreeing that its tendency was pacific, if not submissive.

It is certain that General Kadet's report after the receipt of this letter appeared to be much more sanguine in his hopes of peace, & left behind him the whole of his establishment.

The answer dated 10th beto desires Lord Howard
to appoint Count Strogouff on that day at
the Russian Palace at the usual hour

Lord Howard
10th 1st May of London
St Petersburg 10th 1802

Thomas Grenville
(+ H.M.'s reply)

Oct. 6 1806

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Mr Grenville lays before your Majesty the Minutes
and Sentence of a Court Martial held at Plymouth
upon Mr Henry Smith Acting Master of The Attack
Gun Brig, on a Charge of Drunkeness, and striking
his superior Officer, the Sub-Lieutenant of the vessel;
and at the same time, in consequence of the
recommendation of the Court, and the ignorance
the prisoner might have been in of the relative
rank of a Class of Officers but recently established

in your Majesty's Navy, humbly submits that
your Majesty's most gracious pardon should
be extended to this man.

7 October. 1806.

Thomas Grenville
(+ H.M.'s reply)

Oct. 6 1806

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London Letter of the 6th Oct
1806

Copy

In Consideration of what is stated in Mr
Grenville's Letter and the Recommendation of
the Court Martial in the Case of Mr Smith Acting
Master of the Attack Gun Boat, The King consents
to restore his Burden to him.

signed

George R.

that
should

Mr Greenhill
October 4th 1779 of
London October 17th
1779

Lord Norwich
October 25th 1806

12457

Forwarding Sheet Oct. 28. 1806.

Lord Norwich, at the same time with
the public dispatches just received, ventures
to transmit to your Majesty a private
letter from Lord Lauderdale, as it appears
to contain intelligence of some importance.

Thos. Grenville
(+ H. M's reply)

Oct. 11 1806

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Mr Grenville has the honour of transmitting to your Majesty the Minutes and Sentence of a Court Martial held a few days since at Plymouth upon Thomas Wood one of the Mutineers of the *Hermione*, and begs leave humbly to submit to your Majesty whether it will not be advisable to order that the Sentence may be carried into execution immediately.

Admiralty 11 October 1806.

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to

Thos. Green v. M
(+ H. M's reply)

Oct. 11 1806

Copy 12459

Windsor Castle October 12th 1806

The King entirely acquiesces in the Propriety
of ordering the Sentence of the Court Martial in the case
of Thomas Wood, as submitted by Mr Green velle
to be carried into immediate Execution.

Signed
George R

over -

Mr Greenhill
11th October 1806
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Copy of Amman 12th 1806

hd. Howick
(+ H. H.'s reply)

Oct. 11 1806

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Downing Street Oct. 11. 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of informing you
that the Baron de Jacob de Klock
arrived last night from Hamburg, being charged
with a letter to your Majesty from the King
of Prussia, which is herewith transmitted.

Lord Howick has also received several other papers
from Count de Jacob relative to the state of
the disputes between Prussia & France, which

are also sent for your Majesty's entertainment.

ld. Norwick
(+ H. K.'s reply)

Oct. 11 1806

Copy 12461

bound in Castle Bells. 11.
1806

The King has kept the letter from the King of
Prussia which Lord Norwick has sent to him, concerning that a
copy of it was delivered by Baron Suckow at the same time.
His contents are more Voluntary and His Majesty considers
it unnecessary to make any further comment upon the subject
as the sentiments conveyed in Lord Norwick's letter to
Lord Minto have anticipated His wishes and secured His
entire approbation.

Signed George R.

Lord Norwich

11th October 1006

Copy of answers 12th 1006

Lord Howick
12th October 1806

Draft to King of Prussia
referred to. Approved
13th Oct

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Downing Street Oct. 12. 1806.

Lord Howick conceiving it may be your
Majesty's pleasure that an answer should be
returned to the King of Prussia's letter, he has re-
ceived a draft which he humbly submits to your
Majesty's consideration.

If approved by your Majesty Lord Howick
proposes to send it by a messenger to be delivered
by Lord Morpeth.

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From Lord Grenville
October 12th 1806

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Downing Street Oct. 12. 1806

Lord Grenville begs leave humbly
to submit to Your Majesty that in
the opinion of Your Majesty's Confi-
dential servants it would be highly
advantageous to the public interests
that the present Parliament should
be

be dissolved towards the end of this
month. The reports of an impending
dissolution have been so prevalent, &
have obtained such universal credit,
that the Country is exposed to nearly
all the inconveniencies of a general
Convocation. To this consideration is added
that of the present crisis of Affairs
as resulting from the probable renewal
of hostilities on the Continent, and
from

From Lord Grenville
October 12th 1796

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from the rupture of the negotiations at
Paris: a circumstance in which Lord
Grenville thinks it of the utmost
importance that the vigorous resolutions
which he trusts will be adopted by
Parliament at their meeting, should
have all that weight and sanction
both at home and abroad which
they will necessarily derive from a
recent recurrence to the general
sense of Your Majesty's People.

Lord Grenville had proposed

proposed to submit these ideas for
Your Majesty's consideration as soon
as it became certain that Lord
Lauderdale would quit Paris; but he
was deterred by an apprehension
that there might be some difficulty
in making the necessary arrangements
for carrying on the Public Finance
during the interval which will elapse
before a new Parliament can be opened.
He has now the satisfaction of
seeing

seeing that this obstacle can be sur-
mounted without difficulty, and he
has therefore no further hesitation
in humbly recommending the immediate
adoption of the measure now submitted
to Your Majesty.

As the time is so short, he has
thought it best to throw Your Majesty on
the subject in this form, being unwilling
to intrude himself unnecessarily upon
Your Majesty at Windsor, unless

Your

Your Majesty should see any reason
to command his attendance for the
purpose of any further explanation
of the subject.

ld. Grenville

Oct. 13 1806

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Downing Street Oct. 13. 1806
11. P.M.

Lord Grenville has been honoured with
Your Majesty's note of this morning, and
at the same time that he begs leave to
return Your Majesty his grateful acknow-
ledgments for Your Majesty's acquiescence
in the measure which he has had the
honour to submit, he trusts Your Majesty
will allow him to take this first opportunity
of justifying himself in Your Majesty's
eyes

eyes from the appearance of a conduct of
which he feels himself totally incapable.

He is indeed deeply concerned that
Your Majesty should think it possible that
intending to propose to Your Majesty a
Dissolution of Parliament he could at the
same time deliberately conceal that intention
from Your Majesty. He begs leave in the
most solemn manner to disclaim a
purpose so entirely repugnant to his
character. He trusts that his affection
does not need with Your Majesty any other
or additional support: But if it did, there
is not any one of his Colleagues to whom
he

Ld. Grenville

Oct. 13 1806

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he could not safely appeal for the truth
of the following statement.

When the reports of Disolution were
prevalent towards the close of the last Session
& after its conclusion, Lord Grenville's
opinion was adverse to the measure. It
continued to be so till the ^{expected} rupture of the
negotiations at Paris, and the increasing
ferment & convuls in the Country induced
him to alter it. He then summoned a
Cabinet to discuss the question, with
the intention, if their opinion concurred
with his, of instantly submitting the
measure to Your Majesty in the same
manner as he has now done. On the
very

very morning of that Cabinet he received such a statement of Finance as led him to judge the measure impracticable. The shock of these circumstances he stated to his Colleagues as precluding all further discussion of the measure, and it was thereupon considered as finally abandoned. The meeting of Parliament was in consequence fixed for the 27th of November.

It was not until last Saturday, (the day before yesterday,) that in consequence of an examination made with another view, it became obvious to Lord Grenville that even after a dissolution Parliament might still meet in time to provide
for

for the exigencies of the Public Service.
He thereupon directed a fresh Cabinet
to be summoned on the subject. That
Cabinet met yesterday, and it was the
result of their deliberations that he had
last night the honour to submit to Your
Majesty.

He humbly intreats Your Majesty's
forgiveness for trespassing upon Your
Majesty's time & patience with so long
a detail. But as this is the first time
in so many years of service that Your
Majesty

Majesty has ever appeared to him to have
conceived the least imprefion of any thing
like concealment or disguise in his conduct,
he feels an anxiety such as he has hardly
ever experienced to discharge himself from
such a suspicion.

He may have been mistaken in
his opinions. He may have erred in the
choice of those measures which he has
submitted for Your Majesty's gracious
consideration. But he humbly intreats
Your Majesty to be assured that it is no
less his determined purpose than he
knows it to be his bounden duty to state

to

to Your Majesty his sentiments & views, at
all times, and with the most unreserved
sincerity and openness. He is most thoroughly
convinced that he can in no other manner
discharge the anxious duties of his
station with that satisfaction to his own
mind on which alone he can ground any
hope of meriting Your Majesty's gracious
approbation & confidence.

Lord Grenville
13th October 1782

Thos. Grenville
(+ A. H.'s reply)

Oct. 13 1806

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Admiralty Office. 13. Oct. 1806

Mr Grenville humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty the Sentence and Minutes of a Court Martial upon William Doughty a Seaman belonging to Your Majesty's Ship Fortune, who is condemned to suffer death for having, when in the West Indies, attempted to desert to the Enemy's shore, and humbly submits to Your Majesty's consideration, that in consequence of the favourable circumstances

on which the Court have grounded their
recommendation to Mercy, your Majesty should
be graciously pleased to grant a pardon
to the said William Doughty.

Thos. Grenville
(+ A. H.'s reply)

Oct. 13 1806

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Windsor or Castle 14th to Pitt
1806

The King consents to grant to William
Doughty a Pension as recommended by Mr Grenville
and the Court of Directors which tried them.

signed

George R.

should
be

Mr Greenwell
13th October 1808
A
Copy of answers to the
Queries

Lord Howick
13th October 1806

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Downing Street Oct. 15. 1806

Lord Howick, having received an application from Count Wedel Jarlsberg to request the honor of an audience of your Majesty for the purpose of presenting his letters of recall, humbly desires to know when your Majesty will be pleased to receive him.

Lord Howick has the honor to inform

your Majesty that Lord Lauderdale
arrived to day at one o'clock from
Paris.

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of ¹⁷⁹⁴
to Lord Grenville
Letter 13th 1796

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Windsor Castle Letter 13th 1796

Although the King must lament that a Proposal
should be made to him for the Depotation of the Buckenham, which
has not so short a time; if it is considered by Lord Grenville
a measure of urgent necessity. His Majesty will not withhold
his assent. - At the same time, the King cannot
abstain from expressing his surprise that although the Report
of such an Intention on the part of His Government had
been so long prevalent, nothing should ever have been said
to His Majesty on the subject which could induce him
to give the least credit to Public Rumour.

Yours
George R.

Copy
To Lord Grenville
October 14th 1766

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London Letter October 14th 1766

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The King has received Lord Grenville's
Letter of Yesterday, and desires to well be assured
that the Explanation which it contains has been perfectly
Satisfactory to His Majesty. — The King is however convinced
that Lord Grenville will admit, that, without such an
Explanation, the Circumstances apparently connected with
the Proposal for a Disputation of Parliament would strike
him in an awkward Light.

Signed
George R.

Copy
To the King of Prussia
14th October 1806

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Copy.

Monsieur mon Père,

En répondant à la lettre de Votre Majesté Je
vais Vous assurer que ce que Je desirerois aussi vivement, qu'Elle, est,
le Retour de nos anciens Sentimens. C'est donc avec un regret bien
penible que Je me trouve dans la nécessité de Vous avouer
franchement, qu'il ne me paroit, ni aux Expositions générales
de Votre Majesté, ni aux Propositions jusqu'ici enoncées
par le Baron de Jacobi Alcock à Mes Ministres que V. M.
soit prête à adopter la seule Base qui peut servir au
Rétablissement de la bonne harmonie entre nos Empires.
Cette Base est la Restitution immédiate du Hanovre,
Restitution nécessaire aux Intérêts de ma Famille et de
mon Empire, et surtout à mon honneur. Dieu veuille que
V. M. sente enfin la nécessité de Me rendre pleine &
entière Justice sur cet article, ce que J'attends avec d'autant
plus de confiance qu'il ne peut être allégué aucun
prétexte plausible pour la différer, ou la Position que
prend actuellement V. M. vis à vis de la Prusse. Que
cette Justice Me soit rendue, il n'existera plus d'Obstacle

à la Cour; et Je desirerois alors bien sincèrement de
pouvoir avec M. M. les biens de l'Amitié la plus intime
deins toujours chez à Messieurs et dans la Crise actuelle,
très respectueux au Salut de l'Europe.

Je suis &c

signé

George B.

A London

Le 14 Octobre 1786