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Lord Grenville
December 1st 1806

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Downing Street Dec. 1. 1806

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Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to acquaint Your Majesty that he has laid before the Cabinet Your Majesty's commands of this date with the inclosed Statement received by Your Majesty from Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Brunswick: and that Your Majesty's Servants will

immediately

immediately consider of the proper form of an application to Parliament on this subject, not entertaining the smallest doubt that Your Majesty's Parliament and People will be anxious to embrace this and every other opportunity of testifying their dutiful & grateful attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Family.

To Lord Grenville
December 1st 1806

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Windsor Castle December 1st 1806

The King would not consider himself justified in delaying to acquaint Lord Grenville that He has received from the Duchess of Brunswick a Letter dated at Augustenburg November 15th in which She states that the late melancholy Events have produced the entire Ruin of Her Finances, that One half of Her Fortune was placed at Brunswick, that what She received as Electoral Princess and Money which She had placed in the Ducal Treasury are in the hands of the French. In this Situation the Duchess has appealed to the King for Support and His Majesty feels bound by every Tie of Duty and Affection to prove to Her and to the World that She has not appealed to Him in vain. He therefore trusts that His Ministers will consider of the necessary Steps to enable Him to make an adequate Provision for the Duchess of Brunswick and Her Family and He has too much confidence in the proved Attachment of His People, not to feel assured that the same feeling will upon this Occasion be cheerfully extended to His Sister.

The King also sends to Lord Grenville the Copy of a Statement which He so accompanied the Duchess of Brunswick's Letter signed George R

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

Dec. 6 & 7 1806

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Admiralty. 6 Decr. 1806.

Mr Grenville has the honour to submit to your Majesty the Minutes and Sentence of a Court Martial held at Plymouth upon Felice Napolitano a Private Marine, for striking his Corporal; and, under the favourable recommendation which is made by the Court Martial upon this occasion,

Mr Grenville humbly submits that your Majesty may be graciously pleased to extend your Mercy to Felice Napoletano.

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

Dec.b 7 1806

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Windsor Castle Decem.r 7th 1806

In consideration of the Recommendation of the Court Martial in the case of Felix Napolitano, as submitted by Mr Grenville, the King acquiesces in the proposed extension of Mercy to him.

Signed George R.

Your Majesty
your

Mr Grenville 6th Dec 1806

Copy of Answer 7th Decemr

Wm. Windham
(& H. M's reply)

Dec. 9 & 10 1806

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Downing St.
Decr. 9th 1806.

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Mr Windham humbly submits to Your Majesty a minute of Cabinet, on the subject of an order which it is proposed to give for the prevention of any reinforcement to the garrison

of Heligoland, should a measure to this effect be approved by Your Majesty in the present circumstances of the Kingdom of Denmark.

Wm. Windham
(& H. M's reply)

Dec. 9 & 10 1806

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Windsor Castle December 10th 1806

The King approves of what is proposed in the Minute of Cabinet submitted by Mr Windham in regard to Ireland, as a very proper precaution under present circumstances.

Signed

George R.

Mr Wendham —
9th December 1806 with
Minute of Cabinet same Date
& Copy of Answer to Despatch

Cabinet Minutes
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Downing St. Decr. 9th. 1806.

Present

The Lord Chancellor	Lord Grenville
The Lord Privy Seal	Ld. Henry Petty
Earl Spencer	Mr. Windham
Earl of Moira	Mr. Grenville

Ld. Howick.

In consequence of accounts which have been received ~~the~~ rendering it probable that Holstein may have been overrunn by the Prussians, & the doubts necessarily resulting from this measure with respect to the future conduct of the Court of Denmark, it is humbly submitted to your Majesty, as it may eventually be necessary to take possession of the Ejoland in order to secure a safe position for your

Rapid's Ships, Red Orders should be sent to Capt. Nelson commanding the Squadron stationed off the Elbe, to prevent any reinforcements from being thrown into that Island.

Ld. Spencer

Dec. 9. 1806

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty a Letter he has received from Mr Elliot the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, together with several Papers alluded to therein.

Earl Spencer has hitherto forborne to trouble your Majesty with any of the numerous Depositions and Informations lately transmitted from that County relative to the Disturbances which have for some time past prevailed in the Western Parts of Ireland, & which consist in nocturnal Assemblies of the lower

Classes of the People, who denominate themselves Threshers, for the purpose in general of impeding or resisting the Collection of Tythes, and also in many Instances of enforcing on the Catholick Priests a Reduction in their Fees; because though these Reports are unquestionably of a Nature which requires the utmost Vigilance & Attention on the Part of your Majesty's Servants in both Countries, the Information conveyed by the Papers in question was in general so vague, as not to seem worth giving your Majesty the Trouble of reading them:

Unfortunately however the Contents of

Ld. Spencer

Dec. 9 1806

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Papers now laid before your Majesty appear of a more distinct, as well as of a more alarming Description, as they give strong Grounds of Suspicion that there exists a secret Correspondence with the Enemy, of which there had hitherto been no Trace in the Informations received respecting the Disturbances in the Western Counties. Earl Spencer earnestly trusts and confidently hopes that by a proper Exertion of the Powers invested by Law in the Government of the Country, these Proceedings may be successfully checked; for which purpose it will in the first Instance be absolutely necessary to increase

the regular military Force in Ireland as much as may be consistent with the other Demands of your Majesty's Service, a Measure upon which he has already had several Communications with His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Whitehall. 9 Dec: 1806.

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To Lord Spencer
10th December 1806

Copy 12534

Windsor Castle 10th December 1806

The King has learnt with much Concern from Earl Spencer's letter and the accompanying Papers that the Disturbances and the Appearance of Disaffection in Ireland have become so serious. His M. is however by no Means surprized that it should have been discovered that there exists a Correspondence with the Enemy, as this has invariably been the Case upon former similar Occasions, and was always suspected by His Majesty's Government upon those Occasions, as Earl Spencer must know from Personal Experience. The King is aware of the necessity of providing for the Security of Ireland by Reinforcements from hence, but from the extent of the late Demands upon it's actual Resources, His Majesty fears that the Force, now in this Country, will hardly prove adequate to the Critical Circumstances under which it is placed.

Signed George R.

Lord Spencer to Duke of York

12535

Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty a Letter just received from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland transmitting a further Account of the Proceedings of the Special Commission at Sligo.

Whitehall. 10 Dec: 1806.

Ld. Howick

Dec. 11 1806

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Downing St. Dec. 11. 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of informing your Majesty that Mr. Burrell arrived this morning with the accompanying dispatches from Mr. Adair. Mr. Burrell left Vienna on the 12th of November & came through Poland. He was at the Head Quarters of the Russian Army under General Benigsen on the 20th. The position of the different armies was at that

time as Allies. General Benigsen with 60,000 Men at Pultowsk, his advanced Guard consisting of 7000 Men, 2000 of which were Prussians, at Warsaw. The King of Prussia at Osterode with 20,000 Men. A new Corps of 5000 Men at Konigsberg, but without Arms. The Garrison of Dantzick consisted of 12000 Men, & that of Colberg of 4000.

General Davoust was advancing against Warsaw

Ld. Horwick

Dec. 11 1806

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with a corps consisting of 6000 French & a Polish Legion. General Lannes with a corps of the same force, against Thorn, & a third, the name of the Commander not known, consisting also of about the same numbers, against Dantzick. The state of Prussian Poland had risen in favor of the French.

It was General Benigsen's intention to withdraw his advanced Guard from Warsaw, & to occupy Praga after destroying the bridge over

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the bistula, to form a junction with the corps under the King, should endeavour to cut off the Cossacks under General Lasnes, which was calculated to keep the bistula at Thorn. General Buxhowden had crossed the Prussian frontier at Grodno, & was advancing to the support of General Beningsen.

The Austrian Corps is represented by Mr. Brune to be in the finest condition. From 80 to 100,000 Men were assembled near Prague.

Lord Howick has ventured with all humility to submit these details to your Majesty, persuading himself that they must be interesting to your Majesty at the present moment.

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

Dec. 12 & 13 1806

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Admiralty. 12 Decr. 1806

Mr Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty the Minutes and the Sentence of a Court Martial held at Plymouth on Hugh Crosbey a Seaman for mutinous behaviour. the circumstances of the youth of the Prisoner, of his having been an impressed man, & of the very short time that he had been in the Ship have induced the Court Martial to recommend him to Your Majesty's clemency: Mr Grenville therefore humbly submits that in the present instance your Majesty may be graciously pleased to extend your Royal Mercy to Hugh Crosbey.

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

Dec. 12 & 13 1806

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Windsor Castle Decem. 22 1806

The King acquiesces in the Recommendation of the Court Martial of which Mr Grenville has transmitted the Proceedings, that the Sentence of Death may be remitted in the case of Hugh Cropsey

Signed

George R.

over

Mr Grenville
12th December 1806

Copy of Answer 13th Decem.

The Chancellor
12th December 1806

12540

The Lord Chancellor has the Honor to present his most Humble duty to the King & to enclose for His Majesty's Royal Signature the Commission for the opening & holding of the Parliament which His Majesty was pleased to order to be issued by His Majesty's order in council of the Tenth instant

December 12th 1806

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

Dec. 13 & 14 1806

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Earl Spencer has the Honour humbly to submit to your Majesty the Draft of a Dispatch to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on the subject of the late Communications from his Grace which has been drawn with the Concurrence of your Majesty's other confidential Servants, and which he hopes will be honoured by your Majesty's gracious approbation.

Whitehall. 13 Dec: 1806.

over

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

Dec. 13 & 14 1806

Copy 12542

Windsor Castle December 14th 1806

The King entirely approves of the Draft of a Dispatch to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, which Earl Spencer has submitted, the Instructions conveyed in which His Majesty considers well suited to the unfortunate Circumstances under which that Country is placed.

Signed

George R.

over

East Sussex

13th December 1808

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Copy of Answer 14th Decr

Earl Spencer
13th December 1806

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before
your Majesty a Packet just arrived from
the Lord Lieutenant, conveying further Intelligence
of the Proceedings at Alicja and Cattaro, which
received him after writing the other Letter
to your Majesty of this Day's Date.

Whitehall. 13 Dec: 1806.

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

Dec. 14 & 15 1806

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Downing Street Dec. 14. 1806

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to submit for Your Majesty's consideration the sketch of a Speech to be delivered by Your Majesty's Commissioners on the opening of the Parliament. As Lord Grenville has not yet been enabled

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from the great pressure of other business to lay this Draft before the Cabinet, but has only shewn it to such of his Colleagues as he has occasionally seen within the last few days, he trusts that Your Majesty (if the general spirit & tendency of the Speech should meet Your Majesty's most gracious approbation) would be pleased to permit any such verbal alterations to be

made

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

Dec. 14 & 15 1806

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made in it before Wednesday next as may be suggested in the interval.

Windsor Castle December 15 1806

The King much approves of the Sketch which Lord Grenville has submitted of a Speech to be delivered on the Opening of the Parliament, and as he states that some verbal Alterations may be suggested, His Majesty returns the Draft.

Signed
George R

Lord Grenville
(December 14th 1806
& Copy of answer Dec 15th

Hd. Horwick

Dec. 15 1806

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Downing St. Dec. 15. 1806

Lord Howick humbly requests to know Your Majesty's commands as to the time when Your Majesty will be pleased to receive the Count de Montjoye who is invested with the order of the Garter of the late Duke of Brunswick, & with a letter from the present Duke to Your Majesty.

Ld. Howick

Dec. 15 or 16 1806

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Downing St. Dec. 15. 1806

Lord Howick has the honor of informing your Majesty that Mr. Abbott was to day superseded as Speaker of the House of Commons by Mr. Bathurst, & that the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Wilberforce, passed unanimously. Mr. Grenville congratulated the House upon his choice, & the House immediately adjourned.

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Ld. Howick

Dec. 15 or 16 1806

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Windsor Castle December 16th 1806

The King has received Lord Howick's Letter acquainting His with the unanimous Choice of Mr Abbott as Speaker of the House of Commons. His Majesty desires that Lord Howick will appoint the Count de Montgoye Tomorrow at the Queen's Palace at the usual Hour

Signed

George R

Lord Keeper 15 Decem.
Copy of Answer 16 Dec.
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