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The L^d. Chancellor
May 29th 1795.

29th May 11th 1795

The Chancellor has the honour to inform your Majesty, that after a minute investigation with Mr. Pitt, He must acknowledge that It is too evident, that the utmost efforts of your Majesty's servants would be ineffectual to withstand the Appropriation to the discharge of Debt, a greater proportion of the sum voted for the Prince of Wales, than has been allotted for that Purpose, in the Plan originally settled.

By what means this unpropitious turn of opinion has succeeded to that entire satisfaction with which the change of H. R. H.'s situation was generally received, is not now the most pressing consideration; but It seems necessary to ascertain the actual state of the several opinions which the
assumption

discussion of the Subject has brought forth, that your Majesty may be informed to what points they tend.

There probably exists in a Part, tho' a small Part of those who have manifested their Sentiments, a levelling principle which leads to any Measure that would diminish the Splendor of the Monarchy, & has prompted the mischievous & futile Proposition of an Alienation of the Duchy of Cornwall, as inconsistent with Economy as It is with Justice: But there is every Reason to believe that a very large Majority of those whose dispositions have on this occasion appeared most severe are led by a sincere Persuasion, that they are supporting the real Interest of the Crown. What they object to is the long Period during which a Part of the Estate of the Crown including the Duchy is to be sequestered for the discharge of Debts contracted by the Prince, were that Period lessened by a larger

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appropriation, the objection ^{would} in proportion ^{be} diminished,
& the foundation of It is a principle of loyalty and
duty to your Majesty's Person & Family, which gives
the more force to their opinion. Another ~~idea~~ ^{idea} also
obtains to no inconsiderable extent, that an implicit
adoption of the Plan proposed would impair
the credit of the House of Commons, & abate the Zeal
which your Majesty's Subjects have manifested in
support of the Constitution ag^t all attempts which
in these times have been tried to shake their
attachment to Monarchy - This ~~idea~~ ^{idea} is the more
difficult to be removed, because It never is quite
unmixed with a desire of personal Popularity, & It
unfortunately prevails very much amongst the
younger Part of the House -

It is my Duty to represent to your Majesty the
state of Things as they appear to me, and It is

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with the utmost diffidence that I presume
to add any suggestion upon the means by which
It may be fit to meet the present difficulty -

To bring forward a Plan with an evident
prospect of its being crossed in a most essential Part
cannot be advisable in any Case, but especially in
a Case where the Grace with which the Measure is
attended is not much less important than the
Measure itself, & also where ~~the~~ It is not easy to
foresee the remoter consequences of an ungracious
proceeding - To recede from a Plan known to be
settled is on the other hand so generally wrong, that
perhaps It would in most cases be safer to persist even
in a difficult Contest; but if the Contest would
certainly be unavailing, the only consideration must
be what means can be taken to recover that Situation
from which the embarrassment first discovered itself,
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that in the present case to regain for the
Prince of Wales, that good humour which would
have carried on the Plan with applause.

Regulations to prevent future debts would
not alone produce this effect, because they do not
meet the idea now prevailing that H. R. H. should
take upon himself a greater share of the burthen
of past debts; but in continuation of his desire
to leave to the discretion of the House of Commons
the repartition of the sum already voted & the
arrangement between Debts & Establishments,
would even at this late period of the Business
be very acceptable, & give a much greater hope for
favorable modifications.

after so much disagreeable discussion for which

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I am humbly to intreat your Majesty's pardon,
there is but one circumstance more which I can add
with equal sincerity & Satisfaction, that even in
the difficulties which embarras this Subject, your
Majesty will receive strong proofs of the affection &
Loyalty of your Subjects, to your Person & government.

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