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Mr Percival

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East India Charter  
Exports & Imports  
of the year

Mr Percival presents his humble  
duties to your Royal Highness, and  
acquaints your Royal Highness that  
The House of Commons resolved, yesterday,  
Evening, a Motion of General Gascoigne  
for a Committee to enquire into the  
State of the Pay and Allowances of  
the Army — Genl. Gascoigne's Speech  
To your Royal Highness  
The House Present

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was directed principally to some  
increase of the Allowances to the  
Captains of Infantry, but the Motion  
was of an Extent, which would have  
burst the whole Structure of the Pay  
of the Army before a Committee of the  
House of Commons; and would have  
raised Spectacles in the Army which  
could not but have been followed by  
the cruellest Disappointment —

Mr Bouverie moved that Retire  
Should be given to the East India Company  
with respect to the Termination of their

Charter in three years from this time —  
Mr Bouverie should hardly have thought  
it worth troubling your Royal Highness  
with this <sup>can</sup> information; had he not  
apprehended, that it might be possible,  
your Royal Highness might have ima-  
gined that the Motion arose out of  
an intention of doing something upon  
the subject of it; and be naturally  
surprised that your Royal Highness  
Pleasure had not been taken upon it,  
before any Parliamentary Step had been  
resolved upon — The Fact is that

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by the Act of Parliament confirming the  
Charter of the E. Ind. Company, Three years  
later, from this time, must be given to  
each Parliament to put an end to the  
Charter; and the notice was therefore  
renewed, the nothing need be done upon  
it before the third year - and nothing  
certainly is intended to be proposed upon  
it in the present Session.

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Mr Perceval takes the liberty of  
enclosing for your Royal Highness's information  
the Account of the Exports & Imports of the last Year  
by which your Royal Highness will be gratified in  
perceiving how very small the comparative

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difference is between the Exports of the  
British Produce & Manufacture in the  
 last year, and the preceding, which was  
 far the greatest year of Exports that the  
 Canal ever knew — The great increase  
 of the imports, and the decrease in the  
 Exports of Foreign Merchandize, including  
 principally South American & West Indian  
 produce, are the Circumstances which, in  
 addition to the immense extent of our  
 Foreign Expenditure, hang so heavy upon  
 the Exchanges, and contribute so much  
 to the high Price of Bullion. at least  
 they are in Mr. Grenville's humble opinion  
 fully sufficient to account for the State  
 of these Exchanges, and for that Price.

