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Mr Ryder

Scottish Judges

Council for further

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Mr Ryder has the Honor of humbly submitting to Your Royal Highness that he has received from the Lord President of the Court of Session the Arrangement, which in consequence of the changes, ~~that~~ have recently taken place amongst the Scotch Judges, his Lordship recommends, as most likely in his opinion to have the effect of putting both Divisions of the Court of Session upon the most respectable footing.

Mr Ryder has reason to believe, that Your Royal Highness might postpone



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without public inconvenience, the consideration of the greater part of this Arrangement till your Royal Highness's return to London: and on that account he is extremely desirous not to give your Royal Highness any unnecessary trouble.

The only part of the Plan which proposes for decision, and which obliges Mr Ryder very reluctantly to presume to intercede upon your Royal Highness at this time, is the proposal made by the Lord President that Lord Woodhouselee, who is now a Judge of the first Division should be transferred to the second.

At present in consequence of the vacancies occasioned by the resignation

of Lord Polkerrum the death of Lord Newton and the removal of the late Justice Clerk the second Division has only a Quorum & no more: and consequently unless it receive immediately the addition of another Judge, the Administration of Justice ~~would~~ be stopped, if sickness or any other accident should prevent one of the Quorum from attending at the commencement of the Term on the 12th of November.

Mr Ryder has consulted with the Lord Chancellor & Mr Perceval upon this subject, and they concur with him in the propriety of acceding to this part of the Lord's President's suggestion without delay, and in the necessity of ~~being~~ losing no time.



in humbly submitting it for Your Royal Highness gracious Approbation.

Mr Ryder has received another letter from the Lord President this morning strongly pressing upon him the urgency of taking steps to give immediate effect to it.

Mr Ryder takes this opportunity of respectfully soliciting Your Royal Highness's commands, upon what day in the next week Your Royal Highness would be pleased to direct that a Council should be holden for the further Prorogation of Parliament.

Mr Ryder understands from the Lord Chancellor that his Lordship had the Honor of humbly submitting to Your Royal Highness that the Council could not be deferred later than Friday as the Proclamation must be in the Gazette on Saturday.