To meet the increased Expenses occasioned to the Civil List by the arrangement to be made in His Majesty's Household, on account of the continuance of His Majesty's calamitous Indisposition, – It is expedient that there should be granted to the Civil List the additional sum of £60,000 per Annum.

That the Portion of the Household which should be assigned for the due attendance on His Majesty's sacred Person, and the maintenance of His Royal Dignity, should consist,

First

First of The first Gentleman of the Bedchamber commonly called The Groom of the Stole.

N.B. In consequence of the appointment of this Officer to preside over that portion of the Household which is to be appropriated specially to attend on His Majesty's Person, it is submitted that it will be necessary that such new Powers as may be required for the discharge of his new Duties must be assigned, - together with precedence during the continuance of the King's Illness over the other Officers of His Majesty's Household *

Consequent upon communication with H. R. H. - The Rank to be given to the Groom of the Stole shall be rank next ~~to the Lord~~ after the lowest rank given to the Household officers by the act of Henry the Eighth and ~~contradicted~~ before His Royal Highness's Groom of the Stole, ~~but~~ ~~or~~ this rank not to ~~take~~ place in Parliament - and that therefore Right it may be given by other act of Parliament & by Prerogative - The Prince also wishes that he should have a white Staff - that the Vice Chamberlain should be also added 2 - to this Establishment, with power to act as deputy to the Groom 3 - The Privy Purse of the Stole - & to have also a white Staff -

{ 4 Gentlemen / 4 Grooms } of the Bedchamber

N.B. His Royal Highness suggested the necessity of appointing

The above note added by Mr Greenwood after his audience with the P. R. H. on the 21. of Dec.

should be reserved to be exercised only by the King or the Regent without Parliament – It is submitted that the rank which is now enjoyed by the Household Officers, in Parliament and in Council, is granted by act of Parliament 31 H. 8. C. 10 – and therefore if any Rank, in Parliament and Council, is to be conferred at all either upon the Groom of the Stole, or upon any new Officer, to be created for the purpose, over the Lord Steward, & the Lord Chamberlain, it can only be by act of Parliament –

For the purpose of shewing that this is the Case Mr Perceval refers, as above, to the 31 H. 8. C. 10 – and also the 1 Geo. 1. C. 3. a Copy of which, as being a private act of Parliament, & therefore not printed in the Statute Book, is transmitted herewith.

By this last act it will appear that it was thought necessary that the alteration in the rank of the Lord High Chamberlain in the time of Geo. 1. should be made by Parliament.

(The act is annexed, at the end of this Paper –)

* N.B. The idea of giving this precedence to the Groom of the Stole arose out of the wish, so strongly expressed by His Royal Highness, that the Establishment appropriated to His Majesty should have at the head of it a Person of superior Rank to that of any Officer of the Household which should be transferred to the Regent – but it formed no part of the original Plan, as first presented to His Royal Highness by Mr Perceval, although it was readily adopted, & considered as a considerable improvement.

If however any serious objections should be felt to it, undoubtedly it would not be pressed –

But should the objection to the granting this Rank be founded on the opinion that Parliament ought not to be permitted to interfere in conferring Rank to any of the Officers of the King's Household, which being a matter of Prerogative should

a Deputy to the Officer who should preside over this Portion of His Majesty's Household; but it is humbly submitted that, as far as the Assistance to the Principal is required, the Secretary will be the effective Assistant and supersede the necessity of a Deputy, - while, as far as the Establishment may seem to require another Officer, the Privy Purse will answer that Object: - and it is hoped that the same Principle which has led His Royal Highness graciously to acquiesce in such principal Officer retaining the name of Groom of the Stole, though with new Duties and additional Rank, namely, the principle of keeping the <u>old</u> names of Office about the King, will induce His Royal Highness to perceive that it will be desirable that the Privy Purse should be continued, rather than that any new Officer, though only in the character of Deputy to the Groom of the Stole,

should

should be created. – It will be much the same, in point of amount of Expense, as the Appointment of such Deputy; and any Duties which might have been assigned to the Deputy Groom of the Stole, might, if found necessary, be discharged by the Senior Lord of the Bedchamber.

3. The Master of the Robes.
4. The Equerries, – and a Secretary to the Groom of the Stole.
5. The King's Pages and such number of Footmen and inferior Officers and Servants from the respective Departments of the Household as may be necessary for the accommodation of His Majesty and His Family.

That these several Officers and Servants shall continue under Her Majesty's Control – such Control to be exercised through the Groom of the Stole.

That Her Majesty should from time to time assign to these respective Officers and Servants such Duties of Attendance and such Arrangements of Duty as may appear to Her Majesty most suitable.

That Her Majesty shall select

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in the first instance such Individuals now in His Majesty's employ, or others, to fill these respective Situations as Her Majesty may think proper; and the appointment, in the event of death or removal, of their Successors should, as to such Officers as used to be appointed directly by His Majesty, be made by The Queen, – & such as used to be made by the Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Steward & the Master of the Horse, be made by the Groom of the Stole.

That there be issued to the Groom of the Stole on account of Her Majesty, & for the support of His Majesty & His Family, & the Portion of the Household thus set apart for the due attendance on His Majesty's

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sacred Person, & the maintenance of His Royal Dignity the Sum of £100.000, in Quarterly Payments — The first Payment to be made immediately after the passing of the Act.

N.B. It is submitted that the arrangement of this Sum & the appropriation of any part of it to the Expenses of His Majesty, or of the Queen, must be the matter of private arrangement by Her Majesty, acting under such advice as She may think proper to select — The Groom of the Stole and his Secretary appear not improper Persons to be employed in obtaining the necessary information on which alone such arrangement can be made, and it is most obvious that Her Majesty would be wisely advised if, before She finally determined upon any arrangement She would take the benefit of such consideration of the subject by His Royal Highness the Prince Regent as He may be pleased to bestow; — but it is humbly submitted that the specific appropriation & amount of each head of Expenditure cannot be made with any approach to certainty till after a full Review has been taken of the existing Establishment at Windsor — which Review it is also humbly submitted should be authorized & permitted to take place immediately —

As it cannot be expected of Her Majesty that She should never

remove from the Royal Palace where the King may reside, the removal from Place to Place as well as the keeping Her Majesty's House in Town, or elsewhere ready to receive Her must be attended with an additional Expense — And it is therefore thought that it will be reasonable to propose that there should be granted to Her Majesty from the Consolidated Fund the sum of £10.000 per Annum.

Per C. L. Pole
Relieved from
any charge on
this Ground

That as it will be necessary to continue the means of defraying those Pensions of Private Bounty, which, in the course of a long reign, His Majesty had charged on His Privy Purse, and which were provided for, though not to the full extent, by the sum set apart out of the Privy Purse for such purposes, under the Regency Bill — And as it will be necessary also to provide the means of payment to the Physicians attendant on His Majesty's

Person, to such Amounts as Her Majesty, by and with the Advice of Her Council, may think proper to direct;- The Expense of such Attendance should be defrayed from His Majesty's Privy Purse, and such parts of His Revenue as remain at His Majesty's Disposal.

That the Sum of £60.000, being equal to the Amount of His Majesty's Privy Purse, should be issued by Quarterly Payments, on Her Majesty's Accounts, for the above purposes, into the hands of His Majesty's Privy Purse, and the Revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster (not exceeding £10.000 per Annum) should also be ordered to be paid by the proper Officer of the Duchy, to

His

Her Majesty's Privy Purse, by quarterly Payments, for such purposes.

An Account also should forthwith be had of the Sum which should be paid to the Medical Attendants, up to this time, for the purpose of its being laid before Parliament, that due means may be taken to defray the passed Expense; which, it is submitted, should be defrayed from the same Funds as are destined for their future payments; and an Estimate should be formed of the probable future Expense – it being clearly understood that when the above Sums are mentioned, they are mentioned only as the probable amount which may be required: – The Principle being, that what is wanted for the payment of due Medical Attendance must be supplied.

That the Sums of £100.000, to be ~~appropriated~~ from the Civil List, to the Groom of the Stole; and of the aforesaid £60.000 from the Civil List, and £10.000 from the Duchy of Lancaster, be annually accounted for, in such manner as the Treasury shall direct, within three Months from the end of each year; and if there shall appear any Balance upon such Account, the same shall be returned, if on account of the £100.000, to the Civil List, and if on account of the £60.000 and £10.000, to the Commissioners to be appointed for the Management

of His Majesty's Private Property.

By these means there will be no necessity for future reference to Parliament on this head, unless in the Case of an Excess of Expenditure beyond the Estimate, in which Case, if it should arise, as Parliament can alone provide the means, or point out the fund, from which it can be defrayed, it will be necessary that it should be laid before Parliament.

That, whereas the Management of His Majesty's Private Property is now vested in His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, Her Majesty, and the King's Privy Purse;

Purse; and whereas it is expedient to make more effectual Provision for the due Custody of the same; it will be proper to enable Her Majesty and the Prince to appoint Commissioners for the purpose of managing it.

The Commissioners to consist of three Persons, to be nominated by the Queen and the Prince; to have powers to examine persons on oath, as to the State of His Majesty's Private Property; and to take an Account of the same in the hands of all Agents &c &c; and to lay out the same on account of His Majesty; and that the present Amounts in Stock or Money should be transferred to them.

That such Commissioners should consist of three Persons:

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Lucre :- The Privy Purse to the King for the time being;
One Master in Chancery;
And one other Person; (possibly it might be thought right that Count Mensdorf should be that third person; but that to depend upon the Choice of the Regent and the Queen):
And that such Commissioners should have a certain Salary, with power to appoint a Secretary and a sufficient number of Clerks: that they should be sworn to Secrecy; that they should keep an Account of their Proceedings;

and

and that they should, annually, or oftener, as might be required by the Queen and the Regent, lay before them such Proceedings, or an Abstract of them, and of the Amount and Disposition of His Majesty's Property :-

And that it shall be Lawful to the Prince and Queen to direct the Payments, out of this Private Property, of any Salaries &c, and Contingent Expenses, attending this Commission.

That, subject to this Deduction of £ 100.000 and £ 60.000; from the Civil List, the Remainder of the Civil List should be transferred, together with all its Establishments, to The Prince

Regent

Regent, with power to His Royal Highness to supply such additional Officers to His Household, as He may think necessary, in consequence of the reduction to be made from the Civil List by The King.

That the Exchequer Income of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales should be continued to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent.

That there should be granted to His Royal Highness for the Expenses of the last Year of Regency, and for better enabling His Royal Highness to take upon Him the State of The Regent, the Sum of £100.000.

That

That, in consequence of His Royal Highness being completely vested with the Exercise of the Royal Authority, His Income and Palace should be exempt from taxation; - and that, as the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds appears to be the utmost which could be attempted to be obtained for such Expenses, without exposing His Royal Highness and His Servants to serious difficulties, the Sum to be paid to the Civil List, from His Royal Highness's Exchequer Income, instead of being £50.000, as proposed by His Royal Highness, should be only £45.000; reserving the Difference to meet such Claims as a larger Sum, immediately advanced, might

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have enabled His Royal Highness to discharge. X

That, as it would be unjust to the Prince and His Servants, to have the Civil List turned over to Him, without the existing State of its Insolvency and Deficiency being distinctly made known, an Account should be laid before Parliament of the Exceedings which have occurred, even since the last Arrangement, for the purpose of showing, from the Average of those Exceedings, what Amount of Excess may be expected to occur.

That, as these Exceedings have been hitherto discharged from Excess of Scotch Civil List, or Droits of Admiralty, the same Mode should be continued, so long as any such unappropriated Revenue remains adequate to such purpose, - and that any Exceedings of the Civil List, within the average above mentioned, need not be laid before Parliament, so long as such Means remain: - but that, as Parliament will necessarily take care to guard against the Recurrence of such an Excess as has taken place since the last Civil List Arrangement, in 1804, without the Attention of Parliament being called to it, - it should be provided that, if any Exceeding beyond such Average should

X. Her Royal Highness of Opinion that although it was thought that the Sum to be granted cannot be raised to £150,000 that it will appear handsomer, & therefore that he should prefer that the Sum to be ~~granted~~ proposed only be £50,000 instead of £45,000 —

The above note was added by Mr Bunsen after his audience with H.R.H. on 21. Dec 1911

should occur, to the Amount of £10.000, on the four Quarters of any Year, an Account of such Exceeding shall be laid before Parliament, within six weeks of its next meeting, if Parliament should not be then sitting, or within six weeks of such Exceeding being discovered.

For the purpose of enabling His Royal Highness to make such economical Arrangements as may be necessary to regulate His Expenditure, so that He may be enabled duly to maintain the Dignity of His Royal Station, and at the

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same time confine
the Expenditure of the
Royal Household within
such limits as may be
suitable to the Scale
of His Royal Highness's
Family, being less
extensive than that
of the King, His Royal
Highness may be graciously
pleased to authorize
Mr. Gray, or any person
best acquainted with
the present Establishment
and Expenses of His
Royal Highness's
Household, to have
such Communication
with the Treasury, and
the Departments of
the Lord Chamberlain,

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the Lord Steward, and Master of the Horse, as may enable Mr. Gray, or such person, to collect the Information upon which His Royal Highness's Lord Chamberlain, Lord Steward, and Master of the Horse, together with the Treasury, may have to act; as soon as this Arrangement is set on foot, by the passing of the Bill necessary to provide for these objects.

With respect to His Royal Highness's gracious intentions towards their Royal Highnesses The Princesses, it is submitted that it would

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create great additional embarrassment to this Measure if any Provision for Their Royal Highnesses were to be introduced into it: — and it is humbly offered to His Royal Highness as the Advice of His Servants, that His Intentions upon this subject should be reserved till after the restricted Regency is at an end; when, as the first Act of His Regency, His Royal Highness might direct His Ministers to take down a Message to Parliament, recommending to Parliament that the Provision which His Royal Highness wishes should be made immediately, should then be made.