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Most Secret

The Hague January 8th 1814.

Sir

In obedience to Your Royal Highness's Orders I lost no time, upon my Arrival at The Hague, in soliciting a private Audience of The Prince of Orange, for the purpose of executing Your Royal Highness's Commands on the Subject of the Intended Alliance between the Illustrious Family of Brunswick and the House of Orange. -

I found The Prince of Orange had already expressed through his Ambassador in London his grateful
Sense

Sense of the Overture with respect to
the Succession, which Your Royal
Highness directed me to make through
that channel, previous to my Departure.
The Prince desired I might assure
Your Royal Highness, that he
received this Suggestion as a
fresh Proof of Liberality and
Kindness towards Himself and
his Family - that Your Royal
Highness had, in this Proposition,
evinced so much Consideration
towards the Feelings and National
Sentiments of his People, that he
was persuaded so distinguished a
Mark of forbearance and Delicacy
on the part of Your Royal Highness
could

could not fail, if possible, to bind
the Dutch Nation more closely
for ever to Great Britain. —

With respect to the Explanation
on this most interesting Subject, &
which I have been charged to make
on the part of Your Royal Highness,
to the Allied Sovereigns assembled
at Head Quarters, His Royal Highness
gave me full Authority on his
part to assure Their Majesties,
that every thing which had been
proposed by Your Royal Highness
had met with his warmest
Concurrence. —

His Royal Highness felt the
Importance, that a frank but
Confidential Communication on
this

This Subject should precede, at
Head Quarters, any Discussion of
the general Interests, and that,
with this precaution, the more
publick and formal Avowal of
the intended Marriage might be
advantageously delayed, till the
period when the Arrangement
might be prepared in its
details for the Consideration of
Parliament. -

I avail myself of this occasion
of humbly submitting to Your
Royal Highness, that I propose,
whilst on the Continent, with
Your Royal Highness's Approbation,
to address whatever I may have
officially

officially to lay before Your Royal Highness, to one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State — that I shall, for the better Execution of the Service with which I am entrusted, endeavour to restrict my personal Correspondence as much as possible, leaving to the respective Ministers, as heretofore, to report, for Your Royal Highness's Information, Events in Progress; — and that I propose, as Lord Liverpool has charged himself with the ~~the~~ Superintendance of the Department of Foreign Affairs during my Absence, to address to his Lordship such

such Confidential Observations as
may appear to me necessary for
the Information of Your Royal
Highness, and Your Confidential
Servants. -

I am,

Sir,

With the utmost Deference
and Attachment,

Your Royal Highness's,

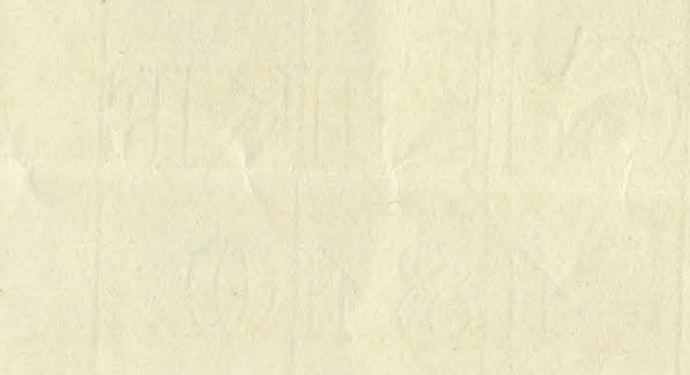
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Lord Southwark

Jan'y 30th 1814.

Intended Marriage
of Her Royal Highness
The Princess Charlotte
to the Prince of
Orange