

Ld Liverpool to H.R.H.

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Ride House
Aug^r 31 1814

Ld Liverpool has the Honour of having
putting to your Royal Highness a letter
which has been delivered to him by
the Dutch Ambassador for the Prince
Governor of the Netherlands to your Royal
Highness, on the occasion of this Royal
Highness being invested with the Order

Ld Liverpool has been most
seriously considering with the Chancellor
of the Exchequer, who was the most
proper person to accompany to your
Royal Highness, for the important
situation of Ambassador of War, under
the act of the last Session of Parliament,
Mr

Mr. Whetton having finally declined
the same)

Lord Liverpool and Mr. Canning
were both of opinion that no consideration
but that of the Competency of the Individual
should have any influence upon the
appointment, and that it is quite
essential to show that the Individual
who is selected for it should not
only be capable of performing correctly
the Duties of the Station, but should
be known to Parliament and the
Public as a Person tried, and
approved in some other important
Station.

Under these circumstances Lord

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Liverpool and Mr. Cavendish have
no difficulty in recommending Lt. Stephenson
for the appointment in question
The special services he has rendered
in the Administration of the Kings
Establishment at Windsor are known
to Parliament, and to the Public
Officers, and will make the appoint-
ment they are convinced universally
acceptable, whilst they have every
Reason to hope that Lt. Stephenson
will be personally agreeable to your
Royal Highness

Mr Earl of Devonport

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Letter from the King of
the Netherlands after
receiving the Letter.

Respecting Colonel
Stephens as Commander
General to the Board
of Works.