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Lord Liverpool has communicated with your
Royal Highness Confidential Servants upon
the expediency of proposing a Bill to Parliament
in the course of the present Session for the
purpose of enabling your Royal Highness
to leave the Country, whilst Regent, in
the same manner as when your Royal
Highness shall succeed to the Crown of this
Realm.

The subject to which this communication
relates, is one of great delicacy, and would
unavoidably involve discussions of many kinds
which it would be very desirable to avoid
unless there was a necessity, or serious
expediency, for your Royal Highness
acting upon the Bill in the course
of the year

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In this view of the subject your
 Royal Highness's confidential servants feel
 it to be their duty, most humbly to
 represent to your Royal Highness, the
 insurmountable obstacles which appear
 to them to exist, to your Royal Highness
 going abroad, under the circumstances
 of the War in which the Country is now
 engaged, especially considering the Character
 of that War, and the many Contingencies
 to which it may give rise.

It appears to them that nothing
 could be more detrimental to the
 Public Service, than any Step which
 separated your Royal Highness at
 such a Time, from your confidential
 servants.

One of these Alternatives must
 result from such a Separation,

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Either no Decision could be taken in
Your Royal Highness's Absence, or any
Question of moment, arising out of the cir-
-cumstances of the War, without communi-
-cation between Your Royal Highness
and the Cabinet at Home, which
might occasion such Delay in many
Cases to defeat measures absolutely essential
to the best Interests of the Country!

Or Your Royal Highness would
have to decide such Questions without
Reference to your Cabinet, which would
be inconsistent with the Principles on
which the Gov^t of this Country is
administered.

Or Your Royal Highness before
Your departure, must decide
all Discretion in your Part as to
Foreign Politics, as well as to
Internal

Internal Government or Lords Justice
which would be wholly incompatible
with the dignity of the Crown, or with
the good of the Public Service, as
such a conjunction.

The second of these Alternatives your
Royal Highnesses Confidential Servants
are persuaded, would soon be adopted
by your Royal Highness, and I must
be difficult to decide to which of the
other two Alternatives, the strongest
objections would be felt.

By the one, the Functions of her
Majesty might be suspended, at a Crisis the
most important to the Interests of
the Country and of Europe.

By the other, your Royal Highness
would exclude yourself from all
Judicial and Discretion on the most
important and urgent Questions of
Foreign, and Domestic Policy.

But in Addition to these
Considerations

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Considerations, Your Royal Highness
 Confidential Servants feel themselves called
 upon to endeavor to impress upon
 Your Royal Highness the Personal In-
 convenience and Embarrassment to which
 as Regent of this Realm Your Royal
 Highness would be necessarily exposed
 by being placed in such a Situation
 Your Royal Highness might be frequently
 appealed to by various Powers, for
 Your Opinion and Decisions or parti-
 cular Measures, as they might occur
 whenever such an Appeal is made
 to Your Royal Highness in this Country
 Your Royal Highness has your Authority
 at hand to consult, and you are
 enabled to give an Answer concerning
 your Decisions, as soon as could be
 expected from any part when Decision
 is the consequence of Deliberation
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But in the case supposed, your Royal Highness might perhaps find yourself exposed to the extreme inconvenience of being obliged to withhold the Declaration of any Opinion or Events passing under the Observation of your Royal Highness, and which may appear to require immediate Decision.

The Character of the present War renders these Observations peculiarly striking. It is admitted that the Security of Europe depends in a great measure upon the present Condition of France; It would be difficult to anticipate what Changes may take place in that Country, in the course of the next few Months, and how our Measures may point to one Result, or be completely satisfactory, or is impossible ^{now to} say what Policy is ^{now to} may be fit to adopt, or consequence

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of such Changes as may occur
 The Prospect of so many nice and difficult
 Questions, renders it particularly necessary
 therefore, that your Royal should be
 in a Situation in which you would
 have the Opportunity of the earliest
 Communication, with your Responsible
 Advisors.

And I suppose I think it right to add
 that upon the Return of the Question
 maybe materially altered, there would be
 Difficulty during the Receipt of the
 in leaving to the Lords Justice the
 administration of the Interest you at
 least for a short Interval, in a
 State of profound Peace, no Question
 of course may be expected to
 arise of so proper a Nature, as not
 to admit of the Return of the Proceeds
 to His own Country, before the Decision
 is taken, or of a Reference to the
 Court

extent of the subject not being of sufficient
magnitude, to require his immediate
Return.

Lord Liverpool has thus ventured
presumptively to submit to your Royal Highness
the Deliberate Opinion of your confidential
servants, on this important Question
and he has so thought that after a
due Consideration of the Reasons which
have been laid before your Royal
Highness, your Royal Highness will
be fully sensible of the many Objections
which exist to the Resolution of any
Question relative to your Royal
Highness's Absence from this Country
at this time.

The Earl of Liverpool
June 1st 1795
The unpopularity of
applying to Paris
for a Bill to enable
His Royal Highness
to leave England
for a time, as appears
on account of the
war &c.