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Your Royal Highness's  
Confidential Servants whose Names  
are under signed, being those  
most immediately connected  
with the Department of the Treasury  
and with the Arrangement of  
the Business of Government in  
the two Houses of Parliament  
feel it to be their bounden  
Duty humbly to represent to  
Your Royal Highness the  
great, and, as they believe,  
unprecedented Difficulties which  
are thrown upon Government  
in

in all Financial Discussions in  
the House of Commons at the  
present moment in consequence  
of the temper of the Times,  
& more particularly of the  
Distress which is so severely  
felt by most Classes of His  
Majesty's Subjects.

They are fully  
persuaded that no Administration  
can continue to carry on the  
Government of the Country  
under present Circumstances,  
which is not determined to  
enforce a System of Economy  
& Retrenchment in every  
Department of the State, and  
especially to abstain from every  
new & additional Expense which  
however

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however expedient or desirable cannot be represented as indispensably necessary.

In this State of Things the Attention of Parliament has been particularly called to the Expenses of the Civil List, and no Subject is viewed with more jealousy and Suspicion than the Personal Expenses of the Sovereign or His Representatives at a time when most of the Landed Gentlemen of the Country are obliged to submit to Taxes & Privations as well as to Retrenchment.

Your Royal Highness is aware that for some Years there has been an Annual Excess

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of Expense on the Civil List  
for which it has been necessary  
that Parliament should provide.  
And it was announced to  
Parliament last Year that a  
Bill would be introduced in  
the present Session with a view  
to a permanent Arrangement  
on this head. The Expenses incurred  
at Brighton in the course of  
this last Year would have  
made a considerable augmentation  
to the Debt already incurred.  
nor are Your Royal Highness's  
Servants aware how this Expense  
could have been defrayed if  
there had not been a Fund  
belonging to the Crown upon which  
they might legally draw for this  
purpose

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purpose. It should however  
be observed that Your Royal  
Highness's servants may be  
accused of misapplying this  
Fund, as it will certainly be  
said that instead of being employed  
to defray new Expenses it ought  
to have been made use of as  
in former Cases to discharge  
the existing Debt on the Civil List.  
and Parliament may therefore  
refuse altogether to pay that  
Debt. Your Royal Highness's  
servants are seriously apprehensive  
that upon some of the Questions  
connected with this Business they  
will be deserted by many of  
their best Friends, & that it is  
even probable they may be left  
in

in a Minority - a circumstance  
which upon Questions of such  
a nature they are satisfied  
Your Royal Highness will see  
may be fatal to their Reputation  
if not to their Existence as  
an Administration.

Your Royal Highness's  
Servants humbly submit that  
the only means by which they  
can be a prospect of weathering  
the impending Storm is by  
stating on the direct Authority  
of Your Royal Highness and by  
Your Command, if it should  
be necessary, that all new  
Expenses for Additions, or  
alterations at Brighton or  
elsewhere will, under the  
present Circumstances be  
abandoned

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abandoned.

Your Royal Highness's  
 Servants are perfectly convinced  
 that Parliament will never vote  
 one Shilling for defraying such  
 Expenses, if unfortunately they  
 were to be persevered in -  
 But they are further satisfied  
 that if by any extraordinary  
 chance, Funds for such a  
 purpose could come to Your  
 Royal Highness's Disposal,  
 it would be their Duty nevertheless  
 to deprecate even the appearance  
 of Your Royal Highness's embarking  
 in new Expenses whilst the present  
 Distresses of the Country continue  
 in force. They are satisfied  
 that the effect must be to  
 create unfavorable Impressions  
 which may never be effaced - as  
 they

they will be represented most  
unjustly as indicating an  
insensibility - on the part of  
Your Royal Highness and of  
Your Ministers to the sufferings  
& deprivations of others, and an  
unwillingness to conform to the  
circumstances of the Country.

Your Royal Highness's  
servants must apologize to  
Your Royal Highness for  
the long detail into which they  
have been obliged to enter, &  
for the freedom with which it  
has been necessary for them to  
state their sentiments - But they  
would not have discharged  
their duty either to Your Royal  
Highness or to the Country if  
they had omitted to bring under  
Your



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Your Royal Highness's most  
serious Consideration the Statement  
which is now before You; &  
if they had not presumed to  
tender to Your Royal Highness  
the Advice they have given  
in this Letter

Warrant  
Catherine  
N. Manottas

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Lord Linnport  
Lord Carlisle  
Mr. Pitt Rivers

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(Building Expenses at  
Brighton.)