

Ld. Liverpool to H.R.H.

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His House
May 11 1819

Lord Liverpool has had the honour of
receiving your Royal Highness's letter,
his communication of the 5th inst.

Lord Liverpool with less no form in
saying your Royal Highness's letter,
before your Confidential servants, but
he thinks it material to state with
respect to the very important observations
which your Royal Highness has been
graciously pleased to make, that they
have not been recorded by your
Confidential servants, in the consideration
of the question referred to them.
That it appeared however upon
the best examination, which they had
been able to give to the subject, it

It was impossible to make any financial
 effort adequate to the circumstances of the
 country, without resorting either to the
 Property Tax, in some degree, or
 to a tax upon Salt, in conjunction
 with other articles.

That a tax upon Property (even
 independent of the advantage of pro-
 -viding it as a War Revenue) appeared
 not only to be likely to encounter a more
 formidable opposition, than the tax upon
 Salt, but to be liable at the present
 moment, to other insurmountable difficulties.
 That in proposing the latter tax it was
 intended to take it ^{at} a Rate below what
 it was in 1816, and to accompany it
 with such modifications, as may in
 a great measure obviate the principal
 objections to it, particularly those

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which was of a popular nature, and
which by combining it with other articles
would enable your Royal Highness
Ministers, to contend that it was only
^{adopted} in its ^{entire} Report to other objects of
Taxation.

Lord Liverpool has been most graciously
to add, that he has not seen any person
for your Royal Highness returning
to town before you can do so without
inconvenience or Reprehension to your
Health.

The Earl of Liverpool
to
The Prince Regent

May 11. 1819

Walt. Fox