

Ld. Balhainst to H. Rd.

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Downing Street
Dec. 6. 1829

Sir

Since I had the honor of presenting myself to your Royal Highness last Friday, I have reflected very seriously on the proposed augmentation of Knight's Land Taxes: and I think it my duty most humbly to state to your Royal Highness, that I am more strongly impressed than ever with a sense of the great difficulties, to which your Royal Highness will be personally exposed, if

H. N. H. the Crown Agent

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this measure should be executed.

Had it been confined to Officers of the Rank of
Generals, that Rank is limited within such Numbers,
that there perhaps might not have been many, who could
with much show of reason have complained on being omitted
but your Royal Highness proposes to extend it to the
Rank of Lt Generals, & has already signified this to Lt
General Crawford, Altho' there is no objection to the single
Instance which your Royal Highness has mentioned, for
Lord Huntly I find was made a General in the last Promotion,
yet the including any person of that Rank (however in
himself unobjectionable) will open so wide a Door for
application & complaint, that I see no end of the
dissatisfaction which this Measure will create.

Personally I can have no objection in making the
representation: for I can truly answer to any complaints
which may be made, that I was not consulted: But
I can assure your Royal Highness that it is for this very
reason, it is because that answer may also be given
by others, to whom similar representations will be made

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that I cannot refrain from again, after the fullest con-
sideration, most humbly entreating your Royal Highness
to reconsider this business

The Interval which your Royal Highness has been
graciously pleased to allow, will enable you to do so -
and If after communication with others more
capable of giving Advice, your Royal Highness should
be disposed to hesitate, I will be ready to bring the Question
before the rest of your confidential Servants, & if upon
consultation with them this measure shall appear
unadvisable, they will I am sure take upon themselves
the effect of any disappointment, which a relinquish-
ment of the gracious Intention of your Royal Highness
already signified to some Individuals, may necessarily
entail

I am Sir, with the most respectful
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with the most respectful sentiments of Duty

Your Obedient Servant

D. Howard

Lord Bathurst

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The Prince Regent

Dec: 6th 1819

Edinburgh of the Queen
of the Bath.