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The Lord Chancellor
Lord President
Lord Privy Seal
Duke of Wellington
Earl Bathurst
Earl of Mulgrave
Viscount Sidmouth
Viscount Castlereagh
The Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr Cannon
Mr Wollstonehouse
Mr Robinson
Mr Bathurst
Earl of Liverpool

Lord Liverpool has communicated to your
Majesty's confidential servants the note which

he has had the honor of receiving from
 Your Majesty together with the Draft of
 the Speech as proposed to be uttered by
 your Majesty.

It is with great pain your Majesty's confidential
 Servants feel themselves compelled to beg Your
 Majesty's Permission most humbly to state to
 You, that they could not honestly & con-
 -scientiously be the Advisers of Alterations
 of the Nature of those your Majesty has
 been pleased to propose, in the paragraph
 of the Speech which relates to the Civil
 List: Being thoroughly convinced, after
 the fullest Investigation and consideration
 that the Income proposed to be allotted to

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the Crown is fully sufficient to maintain the Personal Comfort, Dignity and Splendour of the Sovereign, in as ample a manner as they have been maintained by any Sovereign for more than a Century.

Your Majesty will have observed that in the Paragraphs as submitted to Your Majesty words of Qualification were inserted in order that Your Majesty might not be considered as absolutely precluded under new and very special Circumstances from applying to Parliament for any new or special assistance. But Your Majesty's Servants would act unfairly by Your Majesty if they did not distinctly avow what subject to this qualification they consider the Settlement as a Settlement for the Reign.

If Your Majesty's Confidential Servants

were not convinced that the Provision now
submitted to Your Majesty was sufficient, they
would think it a fairer and more manly course
to bring the whole subject now (at whatever
disadvantage) under the Investigation of Par-
liament rather than in proposing a Settlement
to make a Reservation which would at once
destroy all the Grace of the Proposal, and
keep constantly alive, and in agitation, a
Subject which it is of the utmost importance
to the Crown, and to the Country to set at rest