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To

A. Robinson Esq

Ball Road

W.H.H.





Mr. Pitt, 1757

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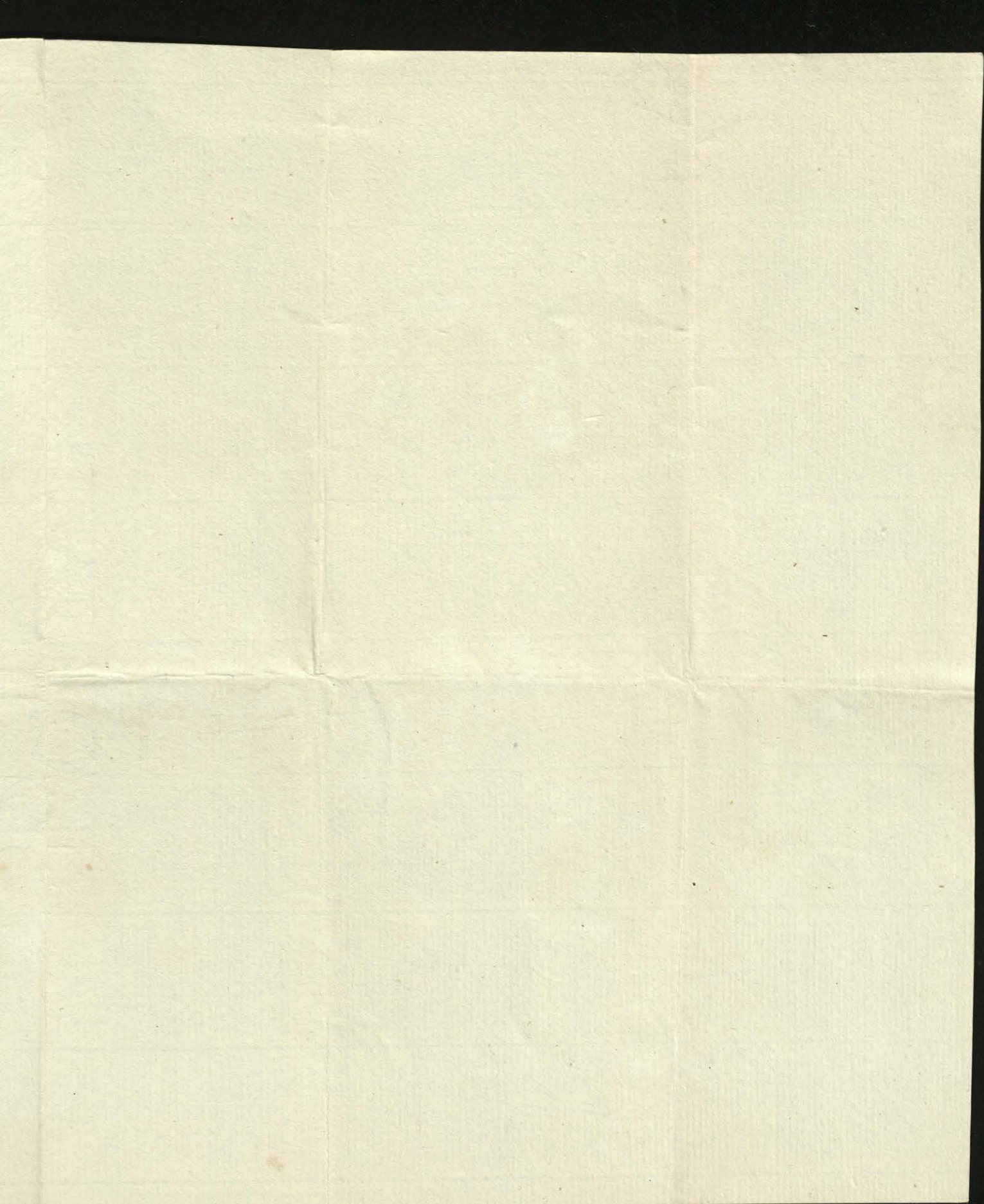
Mr Pitt presents his Compliments to  
Mr Robinson, and will be glad to receive  
the several Papers enclosed to Mr Robinson,  
and such further Information as He may  
be able to furnish respecting the Contents of  
them at any Time after Seven the Evening  
Following Next.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1787. 6 P.M.

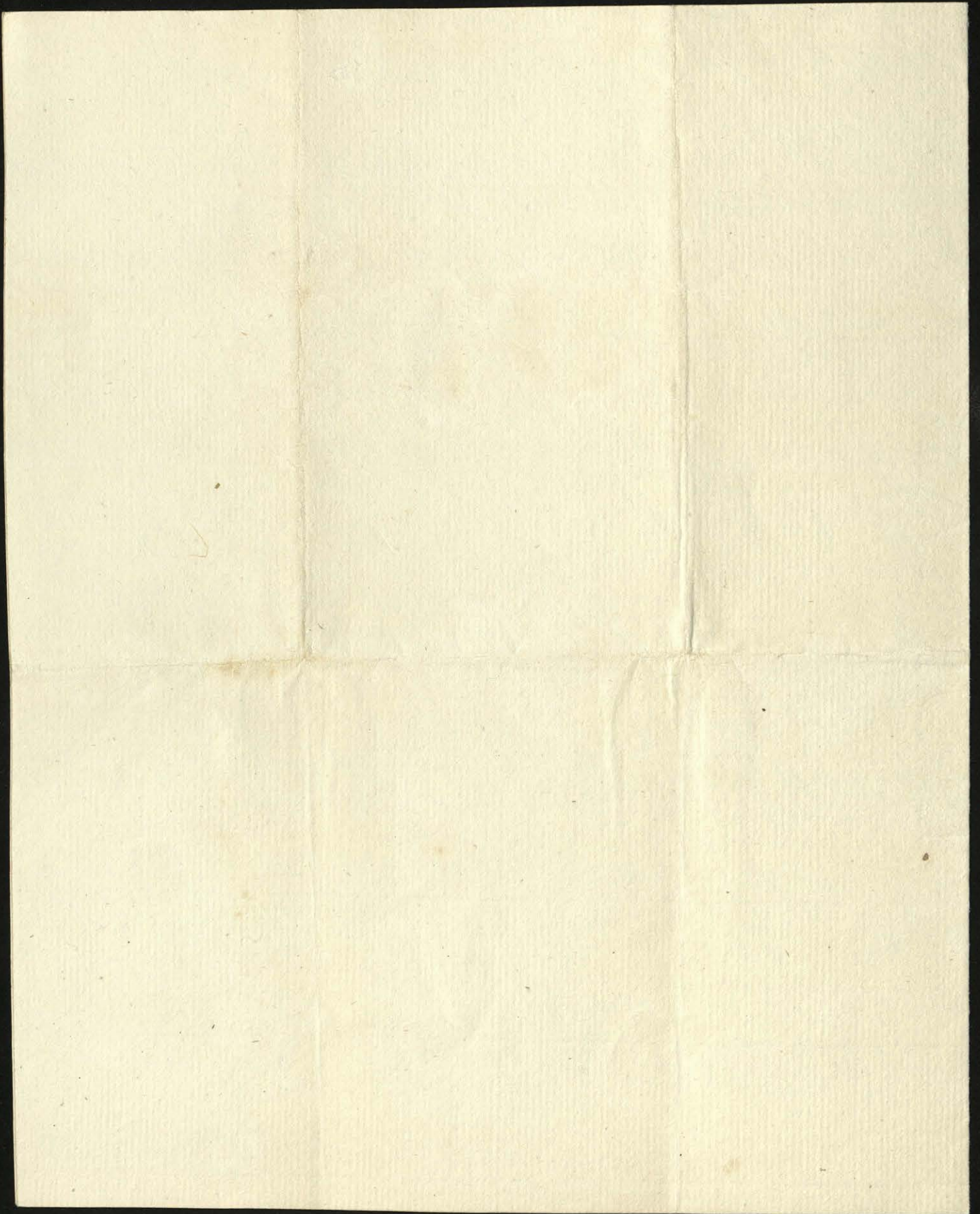














From the Abstract delivered by the Prince of Wales's Officers it appears that the Salaries and Allowances of his Establishment have amounted to a sum of from 15,000 to 20,000. per Annum and that his Household Expenses (including Arrears) have been Annually about 16,000. These Sums would leave out of his Ordinary Income at least 26,000. for the remaining Heads of Stables, Privy Purse, and Extraordinaries. But the Expenses of the Stables alone (including Arrears) have been no less than 21,000. per Annum, a sum much exceeding what can be supposed to be necessary in that Department. Under the Head of Privy Purse there has been paid during three Years 16,000. and an Arrear contracted of 4,000. besides which there has been paid to the Prince's particular Orders 27,000. and a Debt is due on Bond of 13,000. of the Application of these Sums making in the whole about 110,000. The Accounts furnish no Explanations.

Precious as His Majesty is to deliver the Prince of Wales from the Embarrassment of his present Situation, He would not be disposed to consider strictly Articles of past Excess if there were a reasonable Security that it would be avoided in future. Nor does His Majesty require the disclosure of Particulars which the Prince may think himself engaged in Honour to conceal. But this Consideration cannot apply to a sum of such an Amount, and

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His Majesty cannot reconcile it to what He feels due to His People, to make any Application to Parliament on this Subject, without previously receiving every Explanation which the Nature of It will properly admit and which must be expected on such an Occasion. If His Majesty receives a Satisfactory Answer on this Point, and the Prince will engage to avoid Debts in future, and establish proper Regulations for that Purpose, His Majesty will in that Case desire the Assistance of Parliament to relieve the Prince from his Debts and to provide a reasonable Sum for completing Carlton House.

But His Majesty cannot approve of any Increase of Income while the Prince continues Unmarried, as the Accounts hitherto produced confirm His Majesty in the Opinion that the Prince's present Income is sufficient, under proper Management for every Expense suited to His Rank and Station.

May 10. 1767.

George III.



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King's answer to the  
Prince's Message of the  
17<sup>th</sup> of May after the  
of accounts. Paris  
May 10<sup>th</sup>. 1787.

10 May



The Prince of Wales begs to desire to Mr. Pitt  
 of. There must have been some very great  
 misunderstanding respecting yr. accounts if  
 it is supposed yr. there is one hundred ten  
 thousand Pound of wh. There is no pleasure  
 in yr. <sup>part</sup> place yr. Sum is but 100,000 instead  
 of 110,000, <sup>which is a mistake in yr. account</sup> & in yr. Sum are included a variety  
 of articles wh. <sup>we have been permitted to Mr. Pitt</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>included</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>account</sup>  
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 These articles <sup>we have been permitted to Mr. Pitt</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>included</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>account</sup>  
 amount to half of yr. above mentioned  
 100,000, & in yr. remaining half are included  
 all Newmarket expenses <sup>we have been permitted to Mr. Pitt</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>included</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>account</sup>  
 besides all Pocket & other  
 disbursements <sup>we have been permitted to Mr. Pitt</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>be</sup> <sup>included</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>account</sup>  
 intention to enquire —







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Princes Messrs to Mr  
Pitt May 11<sup>th</sup> 1787.

Amounting as far as <sup>£</sup>Princes can ascertain to  
the sum of 20,000 <sup>£</sup>ab. <sup>£</sup>pr.



The King has taken into Consideration the Explanations transmitted Yesterday by the Prince of Wales to M.<sup>r</sup> Pitt, for His Majesty's Information; and although many of the Articles of Expence Accounting for such Parts of the sum of 110,000, as are explained in these Papers, cannot be considered as having been either Proper or Necessary; yet from His Majesty's paternal Affection to the Prince, and His earnest Desire to take every practicable Measure for restoring Him to the Situation which He ought to fill in this Country; His Majesty is disposed to content himself with the Explanations now given of the Past, provided a proper Arrangement is made for the Future, and the Regulations established which the Prince expressed himself willing to form for preventing further Debts

His Majesty therefore wishes a Plan to be immediately prepared by the Prince's Officers under his Inspection, Arranging his Expences in the several Departments and settling a regular Order of Payment for each, under  
such



such Checks as will effectually avoid any Arrears. And His Majesty has no doubt that when the Prince examines attentively the Particulars of such a Plan, He will find that his present Income is sufficient to enable him to restore the Servants he has dismissed, and to support an Establishment suited to his Rank and Station.

When this Plan is arranged and an Estimate prepared for completing Carlton House in a reasonable and proper Manner, His Majesty will immediately apply to Parliament for their Assistance, and for this Purpose an Account of the Prince's Debts and Expenditure should be prepared, with the Prince's Concurrence in a proper form to be laid before Parliament as the Ground of His Majesty's Application

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1787.

George III.



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The King's Message &  
The Queen's Message  
May 12 1785







to avoid. The Prince therefore humbly begs leave  
to state to His. High. that if He will be graciously  
pleas'd to permit yr. application to Parliament  
to include yr. small difference between the R<sup>ts</sup> & the  
present Income & yr. demand of the Plea for  
restoring the whole of his Establishment, His. High. will  
arrive just in time of His. High. My's paternal  
goodness with yr. utmost gratitude, & will be  
happy to find himself enabled to afford the same  
to be oblig'd to His. High. as well as to be  
restor'd to yr. situation with His. High. is graciously  
pleas'd to say he ought to fill in this Quarter.







The Prince's Answer  
to the King's Message  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> of May sent  
on 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1787.

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Estimate of the  
Prince of Wales's  
Expence in the  
Resumption of his  
Household, on a  
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Estimate of the Prince of  
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A Plan of the Prince of Wales's annual Expence, upon the supposition of the whole of His Royal Highness's late Establishment being restored, arranging His Expences in the several departments & ascertaining a regular Order of Payment for each, as the most Effectual Check to avoid arrears in Future

Establishment		Salaries		Remarks
Groom of the Stole	1200	"	"	
4 Gent. of the Bed Chamber	2000	"	"	
Treasurer	1000	"	"	
Master of Robes & Privy Purse	500	"	"	
Comptroller of the Household	500	"	"	
7 Grooms of the Bed Chamber	2800	"	"	
Commissi <sup>o</sup> ner of the Stables	500	"	"	
5 Equerries	1500	"	"	
2 Pages of Honour	400	"	"	
2 Gent. & Ushers Privy Chambr.	400	"	130 28	" "
2 Gent. Ushers, Daily waiters	300	"	"	
Private Secretary	300	"	"	
Sub-Treasurer & Accountant	500	"	"	
Physicians	330	"	"	
Surgeons	250	"	"	
Clerk of the Closet	200	"	"	
2 Librarians	348	"	"	

The Amount of the Establishment here stated, is formed as it stood at the Period when His Royal Highness made the Reduction, The Abstract of which was transmitted to Mr Pitt the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst

Lower Establishment				Remarks
Housekeeper	400	"	"	
Comptrol <sup>r</sup>	200	"	"	
Laundress	170	"	"	
5 Pages of the Backstairs	1105	"	"	
5 D <sup>o</sup> of the Presence	450	"	"	
Messenger to Treasurer	80	"	"	
Pages men	90	"	"	
3 Porters	143	10	"	
8 Footmen	408	8	4849 19	"
1 Chafseur	51	1	"	
1 Watchman at New	25	"	"	
Dentist	105	"	"	
Hairdresser	150	"	"	
Comptroller of the Kitchen	500	"	"	
Kitchen Servants	922	"	"	
M <sup>r</sup> Gaubert	50	"	"	
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Estimate of the Prince of



Bro<sup>t</sup>. over

£ 17877.19

Lower Establishment continued

2 Coachmen	100 " "	} 888 " "
1 Postillion	25 " "	
Servants, Coachhouse, Stables	107 " "	
Hunting Stable		
1 <sup>st</sup> Groom	87 6 " "	
D <sup>o</sup> :	55 10 " "	
2 Hack Grooms	111 " "	
2 Hobby Grooms	111 " "	
4 Senior Stable Boys	82 " "	
7 Additional Helpers	88 4 " "	
Clerk of the Stables	121 " "	

Allowances to Preceptors

And Late Masters 1390 2

Continued as originally settled by His Majesty

Total Salaries & Allowances £20156.1

Pensions & Annual Donations 1970 186

The Particulars of the Head are Transmitted in Paper n<sup>o</sup> 1

Household Expences under the

Comptroller	15600 " "	} 17300 " "
Wear of Linen, Table Furniture & Coals	800 " "	
Various other Tradesmens bills not included, under the Head of Housekeeping	900 " "	
		2700

It is Evident that the restoring H. R. H's Court & Establishment, must considerably augment this Head of Expenditure, tho' little regard has been had to that consideration

This Article is Estimated upon an inspection of past bills, & relative to repairs of all sorts of Furniture & Decorations, Lamps, Pictures Books &c &c

Taxes & Rent

Rent of Houses in Stone butler to Sir 7 <sup>th</sup> Ashursts House & Office	410 " "	} 1114 7 6
Taxes on Carlton House &c	704 7 6	

Board Wages & Gratuities	
Pages of Kitchens & P <sup>er</sup> Quarters	62.10. per ann <sup>o</sup>
D <sup>o</sup> of the Presence	30. " "
Page-men & Porters	15. " "
Hunter	7.10. " "
D <sup>o</sup> to Inferior Servants	

4 Maid servants Wages & D <sup>o</sup> wages	} 109 4
P <sup>er</sup> Quarters at 16 16.6 each is £ 27.6	
Ditto to other Inferior Servants at £ 113.5 Per Quarter	453 " "
	1281 7

Gratuities to 5 Pages &c and allowances for Mourning	130 " "
To 4 Pages of the Presence	40 " "
Bidgood & Troop	30 " "
Porter	10 " "
Housekeepers Allow <sup>ance</sup> for Mourning	25 " "
Allowance to Footmen for Laquer	24 3
Wardrobe	

Carry over £ 44522.14



Official Disbursements.

As the Office of Treasury for the Payments of Sundry small Bills, not comprised within the other departments.

600 " "

900 " "

Apothecary's Bill

300 " "

Robert Wardrobe

Taylor

4000 " "

Embroiderer

900 " "

Lacemen

500 " "

Silkmercer

200 " "

Hosier

250 " "

Hatter

120 " "

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Shoe and Bootmaker

150 " "

Lace Draper

400 " "

Linin Draper

300 " "

Sword Cutler & Jeweller, and various other articles

500 " "

Breechemaker, Glover, Perfumer &c

100 " "

Stables

Carriages, Harness & Coachmakers bills

1600 " "

Carriage Horses, post, saddle, Phaeton &c

1600 " "

Hacks, Hunters for H. R. Hs

2200 " "

Servants Horses

600 " "

Purchase of Horses

900 " "

Saddlers bills, Horse Cloathing &c

600 " "

Bit makers

100 " "

Smiths & Farriers

650 " "

Sundry necessaries for the Stable, as lamps &c &c

400 " "

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Tradesmens Bills for Servants Liveries.

Taylor

400 " "

Laceman

1600 " "

Woollen draper

1100 " "

Hatter & Cap maker

220 " "

Bootmaker

120 " "

Breechemaker

80 " "

Board wages to Servants

& Rent of Stables

£ 771 6 ..

Carried over

£ 65684 ..

This Estimate is calculated more upon the amount of H. R. Hs's Expenditure in those articles, before he left the Queens House, than upon the annual amount of the bills since, which have very considerably exceeded the sum here stated

The utmost attention has been paid in Estimating the Probable amount in this department, & the Commissioner of the Stables has reduced it as low as possible, but is apprehensive that the Sum Proposed will by no means be found sufficient for the Purpose, as the adhering to any Estimate must always depend upon a great variety of accidents & contingencies, which it is impossible to foresee, or Provide for, in this Branch of H. R. Hs's Expenditure. It is also to be observed that under the Head of Stables are included various articles such as Board wages to Footmen &c &c. In the same manner as in His Majesty's Stables which do not properly seem to belong to that department



Brought over — £65684 —

Travelling Charges — 1900 .. ..

Expences at Baginboto — 750 .. ..

Expences at Brightelmstone 1000 .. ..

Privy Purse — — — 10000 .. ..

Total — — — £79334 —

This though usually charged under the Head of Stables, is in fact a separate Article & has hitherto amount to a much greater Sum

Order in which the several Payments are proposed to be made

- Rent and Taxes
- Tradesmens Bills
- Menial servants
- Pages &c
- Pensions & Donations
- Establishment
- Board wages & gratuities
- Household
- Official Disbursements
- Travelling Charges
- Expences at Baginboto and Brighton
- Privy Purse

By this Order of Payment no Evading in any department can happen without its falling as a charge upon the Privy Purse. Of consequence coming quarterly to the notice & inspection of H. H. Highness —



The Commissioners humbly beg leave to observe that in forming their Estimate in the preceding several departments, they have proceeded upon the supposition of a considerable reduction in many of the most material articles of His Royal Highness's expenditure, otherwise they should not conceive themselves justified in supposing that the amount here stated would answer the whole of H. R. H.'s Establishment & Expences, or that they would accomplish the earnest desire of His Royal Highness, had expressed, that every part of His Household should be managed with such attention & Economy as shall prevent the issue of incurring Debts in future, at the same time they conceive it their Duty to observe, that there must probably be some articles of unforeseen & precarious expence, which it is not in their power to class, under any particular Head, or in any distinct manner to advert to



Copy of the State  
of the St. Stephens  
Establishment  
as sent to Her Majesty

15<sup>th</sup> of May 1787



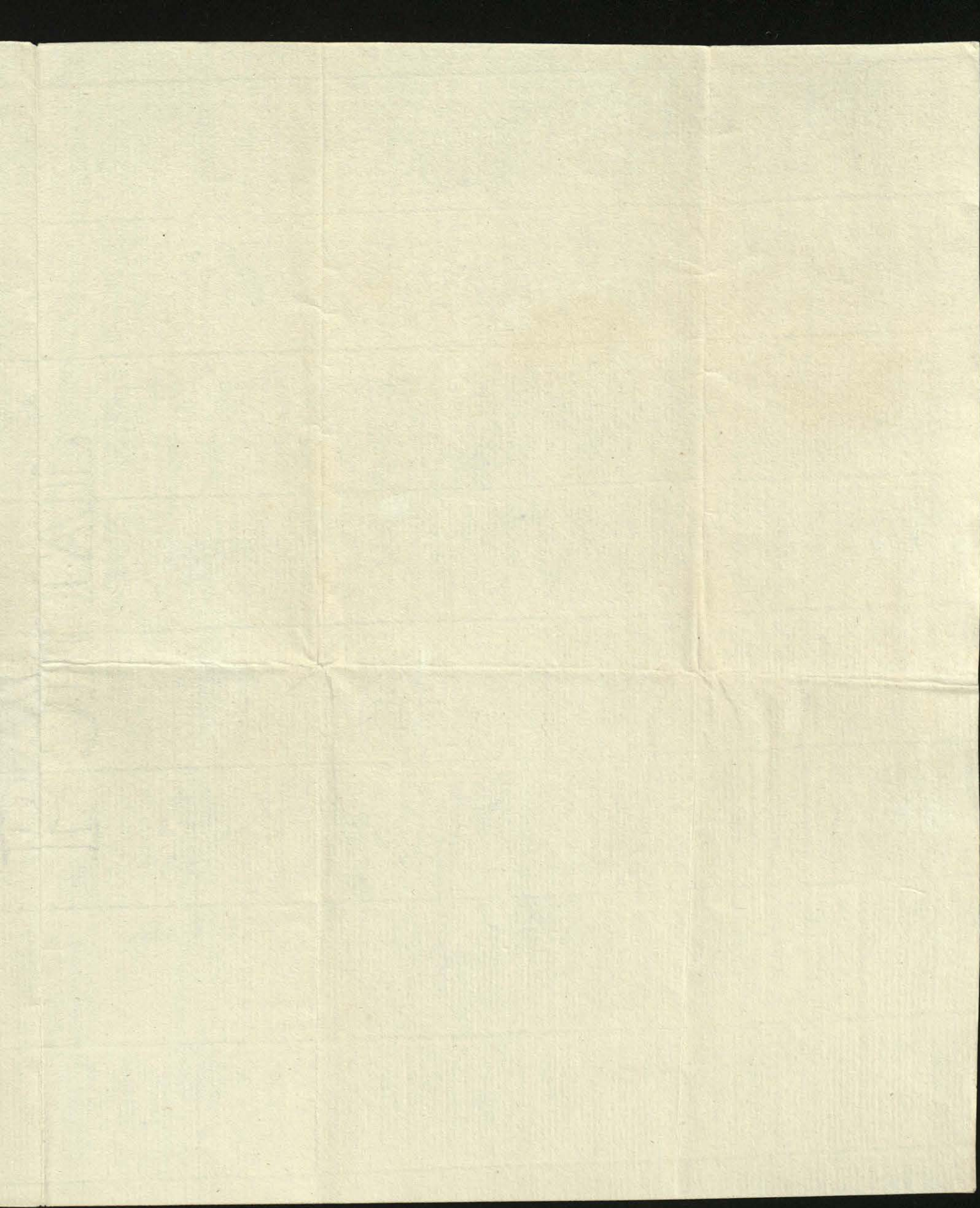
Mr Pitt presents his compliments to Mr  
Robinson; and finding that Mr Lyte is  
from home, begs Mr Robinson if he has  
an opportunity of sending either to Col Lake  
or Col. Hulke, to inform them that  
Mr Pitt requests the favor of seeing them  
if possible, any time before 1/2 past four  
to day. - Mr Pitt would be glad to see  
Mr Robinson at the same time

From Mr. Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1/2 past 2.















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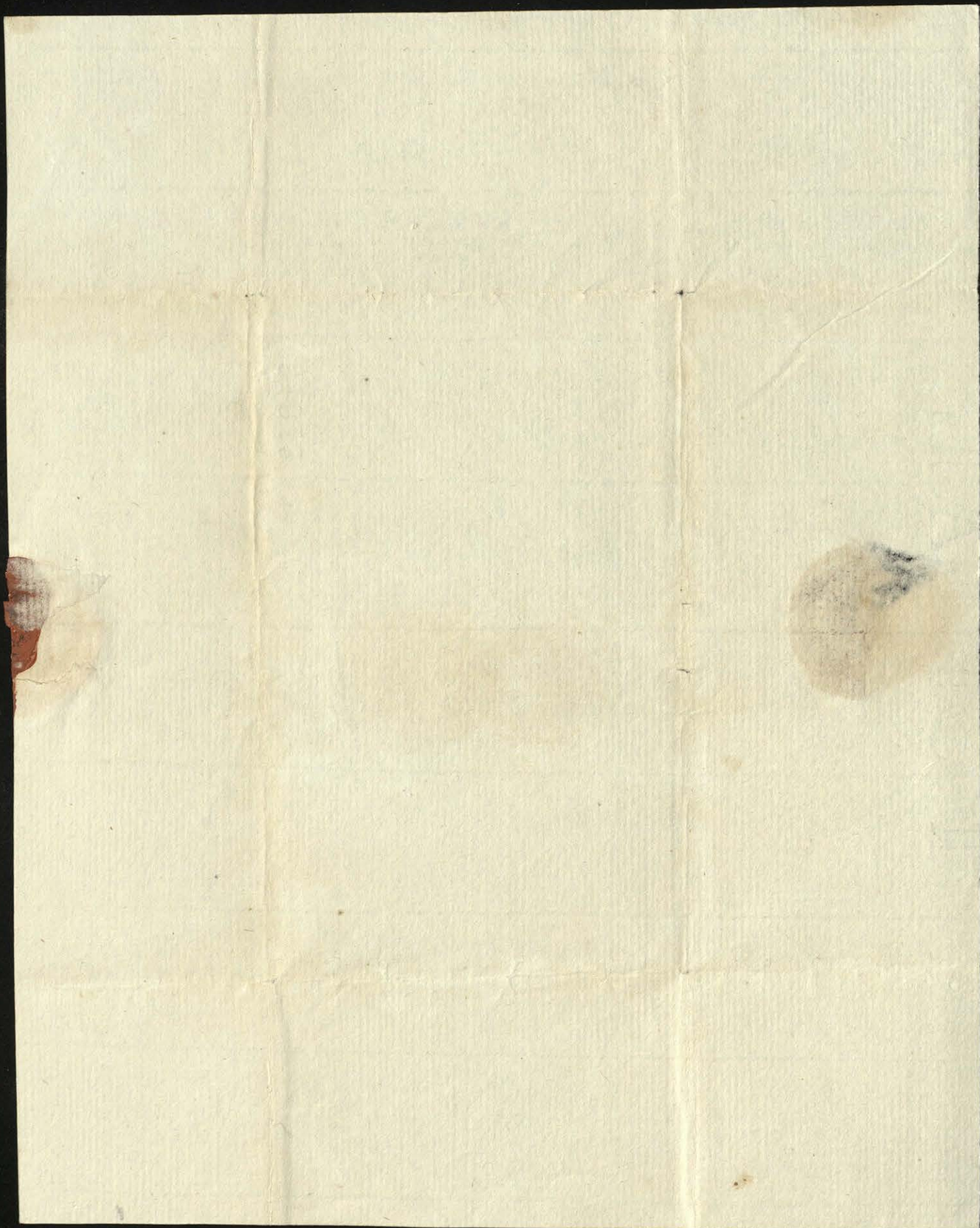
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A. Robinson Esq

~~W. H. H.~~ Salt Rock









On Examining the Plan prepared under the Inspection of the Prince of Wales, arranging his Expences in the several Departments, the King observed many Articles in which His Majesty thought there was Room for considerable Reductions. But in order to avoid as far as possible entering into Detail on the Particulars of the Estimate, His Majesty directed Mr. Pitt to express through the Prince's Officers His Majesty's wish, that it should be revised by the Prince's Direction.

His Majesty is sorry to find that this has been declined, and that at a time when the Prince is so strongly called upon to shew his Disposition to confine his Expences within the most reasonable Bounds, He adheres to an Estimate in which most of the Articles are stated at a higher Rate than can appear to His Majesty on any Calculation to be necessary.

This Observation applies particularly to the Household Expences under the Comptroller, the Robes and Wardrobe, the Stables, and the Privy Purse. A proper Regulation under these Heads might as His Majesty is persuaded enable the Prince to reduce His Expences within his Income, and also to support an Establishment of Officers and Servants such as stated in his Plan.

Under these Circumstances and at the Time of calling upon Parliament, for their Assistance to discharge so heavy a Debt, it is impossible



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impossible for His Majesty to propose any Augmentation of Income  
which shall bring a farther Expence on his Subjects. But as a proof  
of His Majesty's Paternal Affection, and in Order to remove any  
possible Doubt respecting the sufficiency of the Prince's Income to  
support amply the Dignity of his Situation; His Majesty is ready  
whenever the Plan is settled for preventing arrears in future, to  
allow £10,000. per Annum in Addition to the Sum now paid to the  
Prince out of His Majesty's Civil List, a Sum which exceeds the  
Difference between the Salaries and Allowances of the Prince's  
Family at present, and his proposed Establishment.

His Majesty approves of the Order of Payment which the  
Prince proposes to establish; But as His Majesty must in His  
Application to Parliament pledge Himself for every possible Security  
that New Debts will not be contracted, His Majesty desires that  
the Prince will give a general Order for the Officers at the Head of  
each Department to receive immediately at the end of each  
Quarter the Sums respectively allotted to them, and that he will  
direct an Abstract of the Total Sums paid authenticated by the  
proper Officers and certifying what Arrears, if any are outstanding,  
to be laid before His Majesty within one Month after the  
Expiration of every Quarter.

His Majesty is also willing to recommend it to Parliament

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to make a proper Provision for completing Carlton House; but  
the Charge on this Account may probably be much reduced, and  
it must be more explained than in the Paper sent by the Prince  
of Wales, before any specific Sum can be named.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1787.

George III.



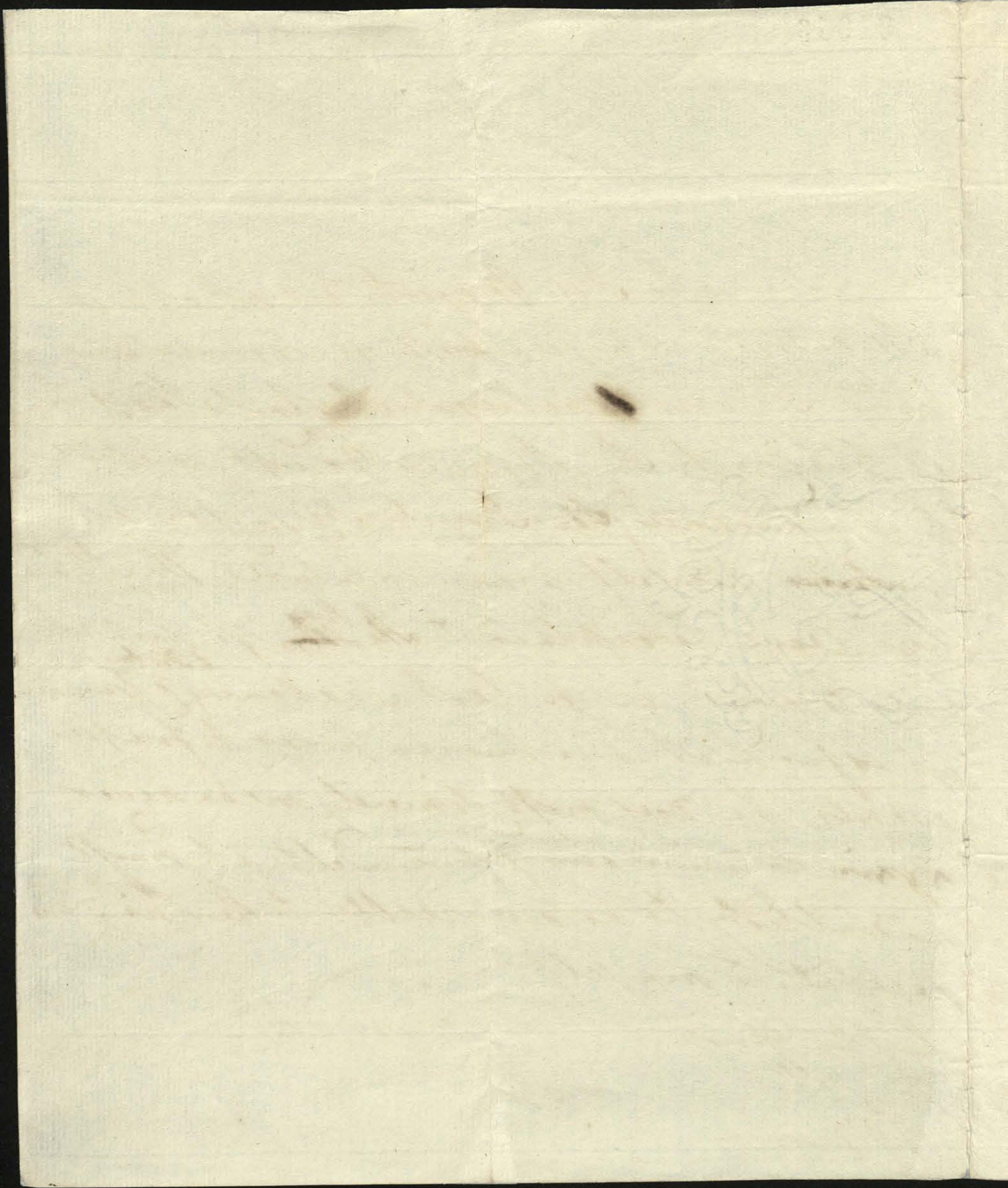
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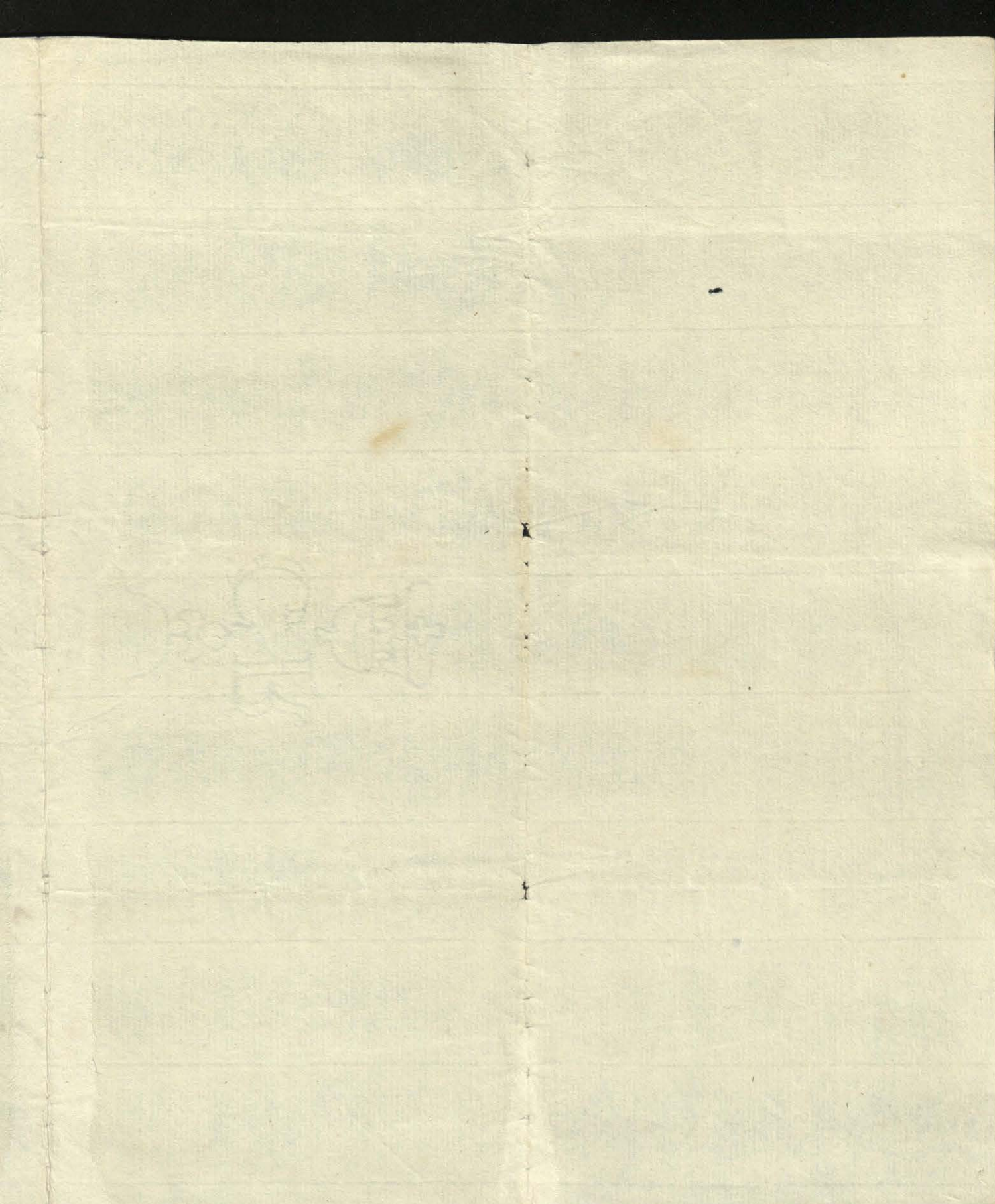














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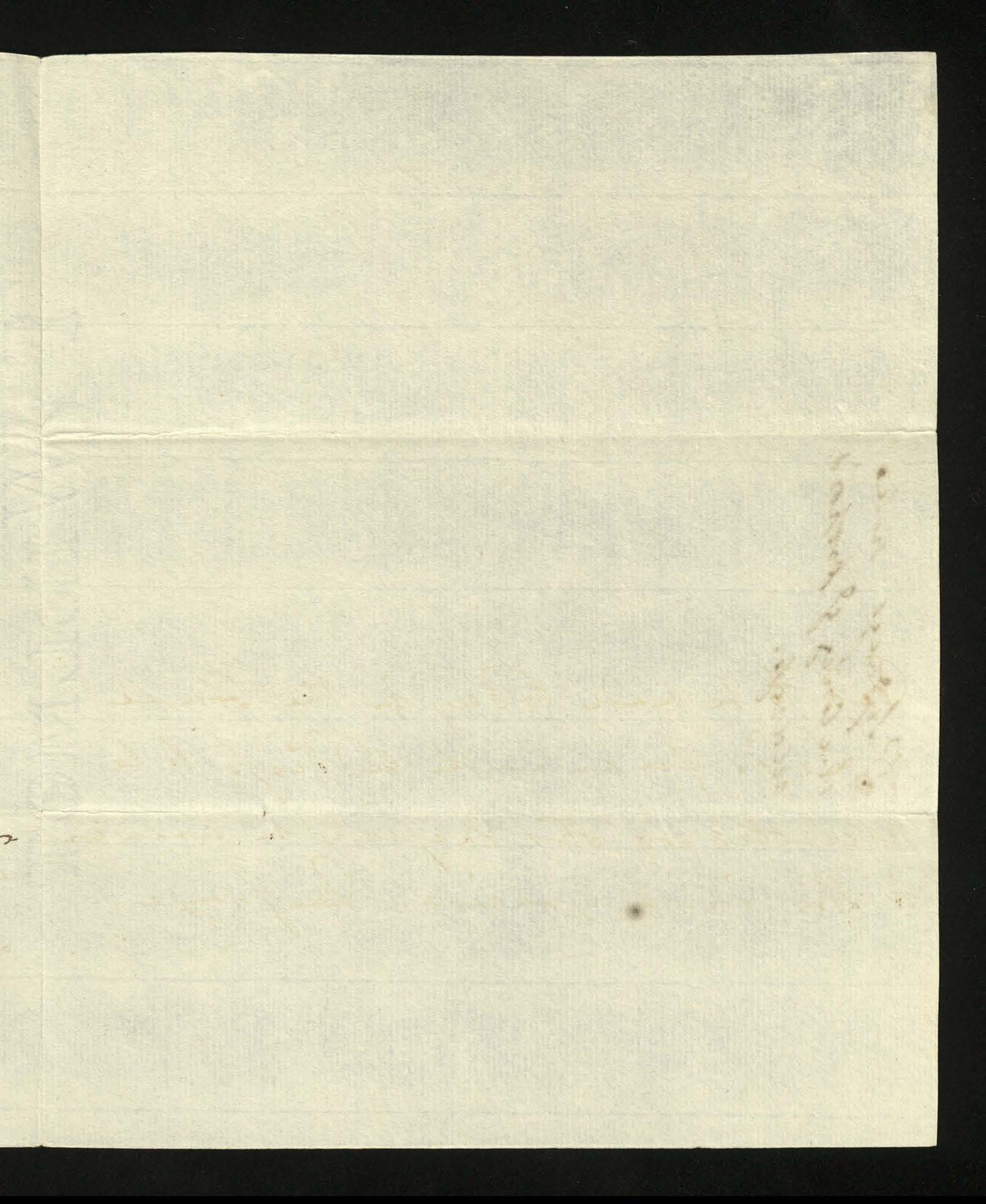
Lord Sydney humbly  
presumes to transmit to His Royal  
Highness a Copy of the Motion inten-

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Ord to be made today in the House  
of Lords for an humble Address to be  
presented to His Majesty in answer  
to His most Gracious Passage.







d<sup>s</sup> Sydney note  
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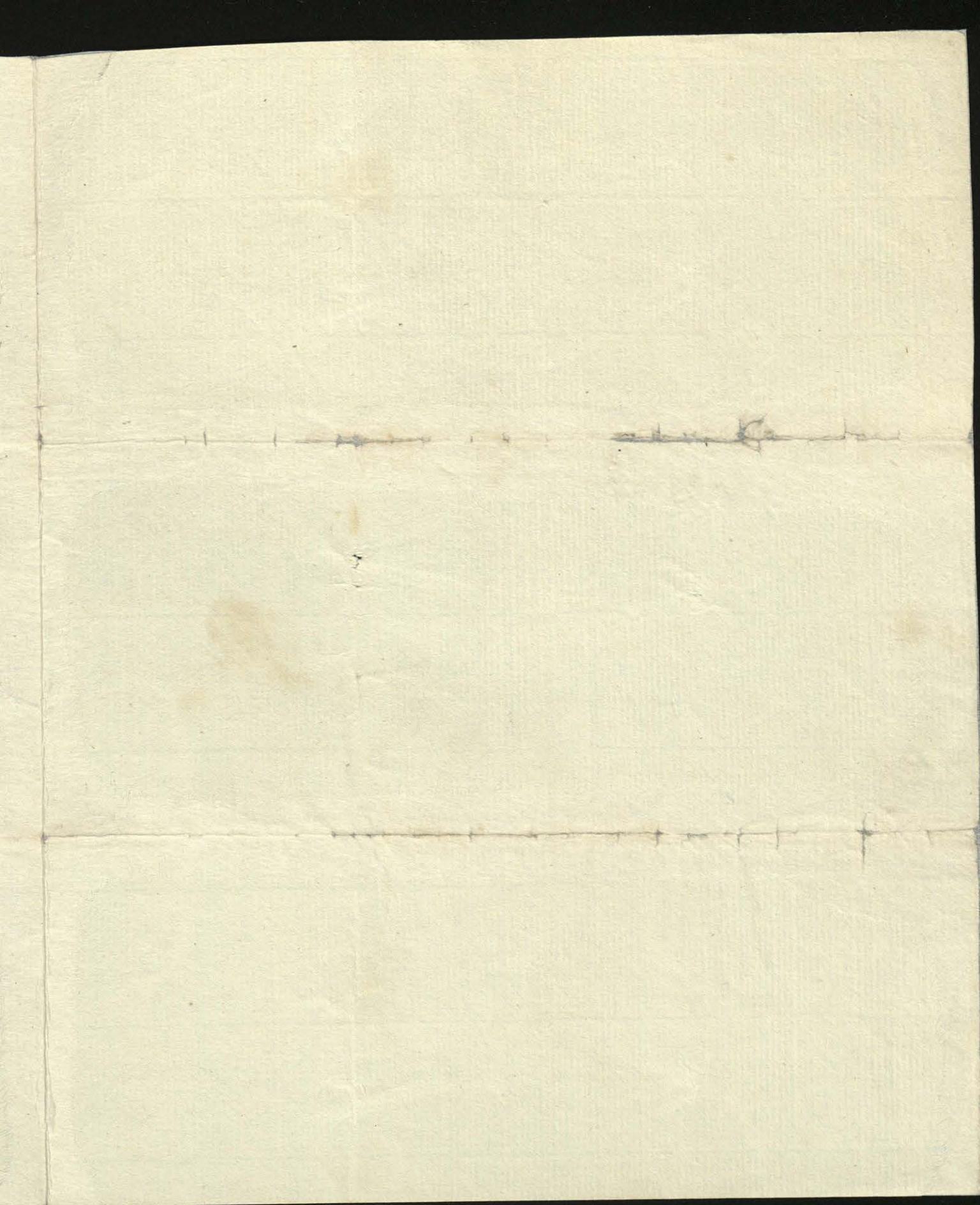
Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to transmit  
for the Information of His Royal Highness  
The Prince of Wales a Copy of the Address  
intended to be moved this Day in the  
House of Commons. Mr Pitt takes the  
Liberty to add that the Sum of twenty  
Thousands Pounds towards the works at



Carlton House is mentioned as on  
account; It being His Majesty's Intention  
to recommend it to Parliament next  
Year to make such further Provision  
for that Purpose, as may appear to  
be necessary on a further Examination  
of the Estimate delivered in by His  
Royal Highness's Order.

Downing Street May 24<sup>th</sup> 1727.







From Mr. Ash-  
ley 24 1787



That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, assuring His Majesty how sensibly this House at all times feels the gracious proofs of His Majesty's constant attention to the interests of his People particularly in the directions which His Majesty has given for making an additional allowance to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales out of His Majesty's Civil List, in order to remove every possible Doubt of the sufficiency of His Royal Highness's Income to support amply the dignity of his Situation, without occasioning any increase to the annual Expence of the Public.

That it is with the greatest satisfaction this House learns that His Royal Highness has given His Majesty the fullest Assurances of his Royal Highness's firm determination to confine his future expences within his Income, and has settled such Regulations as His Majesty trusts will effectually secure the due



Execution of His Royal Highness's  
Intention. That His Majesty may  
depend on the zeal and affectionate  
attachment of His faithfull Commons  
to afford His Majesty the assistance  
he desires for the discharge of  
His Royal Highness's Debts, and  
that in full reliance on the Assurance  
which His Majesty has received  
this House humbly desires His  
Majesty will be graciously pleased  
to direct the Sum of One Hundred  
and sixty one Thousand Pounds  
to be issued out of His Majesty's  
Civil List for that purpose, and  
the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds  
on account of the Works at  
Carlton House as soon as an  
Estimate shall be formed with  
sufficient accuracy of the whole  
Expense for completing the same  
in a proper manner, and that  
His Majesty's faithfull Commons  
will make good the same. —



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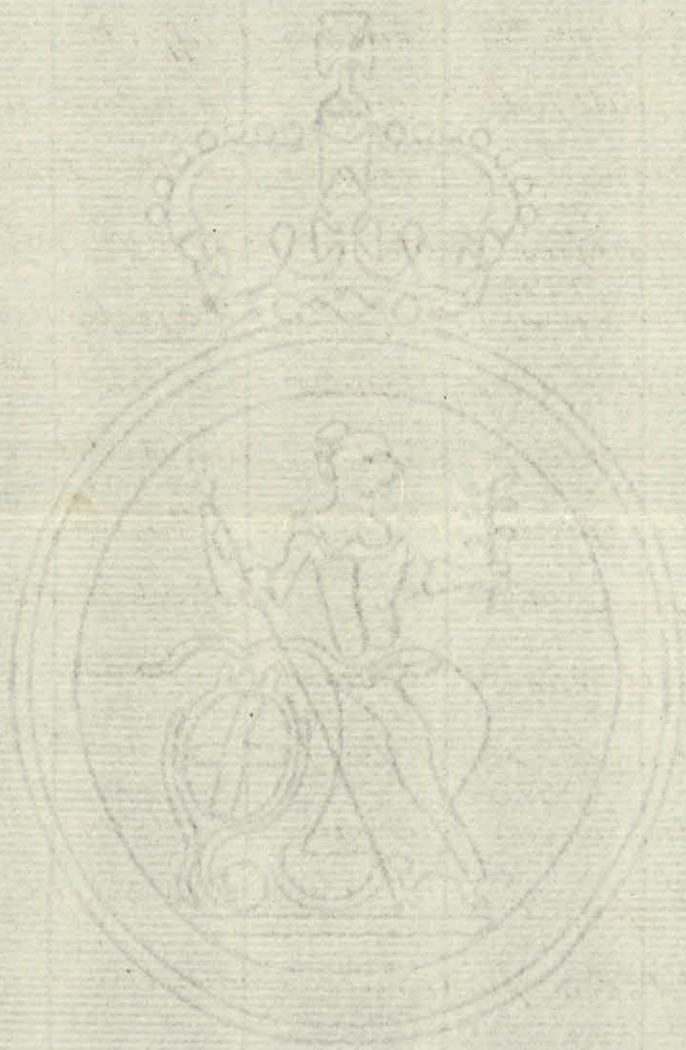


## House of Commons.

Thursday May <sup>the</sup> 24. 1787.

Resolved Nem: Con: that his Majesty may depend on the Zeal and affectionate Attachment of his faithfull Commons, to afford his Majesty the Assistance he desires for the Discharge of His Highnesses Debts, and that in full Reliance on the Assurances which his Majesty has received, this House humbly desires that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct the Sum of £161,000 to be issued out of his Majestys Civil List for that purpose, and the Sum of £20,000 on Account of the Works at Carleton House, as soon as an Estimate shall be formed with sufficient Accuracy of the whole Expence, for compleating the same in a proper manner, and to assure his Majesty that his faithfull Commons will make good the same.











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Carlton House

Resolution of the House  
of Commons  
the  
May 24. 1707.

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