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Recd from —

Mr Perceval

Recd Saturday

Nov 30th 1811

6 o'Clock P.M.

Memorandum of certain heads of arrangement for His Majesty's Household, to be submitted to the view & consideration of His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, for the purpose of receiving His Royal Highness's suggestions, (if His Royal Highness should be graciously pleased to communicate the same,) previous to such arrangements being finally discussed & considered by His Confidential Servants.

The Principles on which, as Mr Perceval humbly submits, the

the following arrangements are suggested, viz,

1. That His Majesty is entitled in the first instance to have such Provision made for him out of the Civil List, which was granted by Parliament to His Majesty for his life, in exchange for His Hereditary Revenues, as may be sufficient for securing to His Majesty all the comfort & dignity which is compatible with His present calamitous situation.

2. That subject to such Charge & deduction as may be necessary for

for the above purposes, the whole remainder of the Civil List, as enjoyed by His Majesty should accompany the Exercise of the Regal Power & authority, & devolve on His Royal Highness The Prince Regent.

3. That as these Charges & deductions will necessarily diminish the amount of the Civil List in the hands of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the Deficiency thereby arising should be supplied by some other Means.

Under the first head it is submitted that it having been declared

declared by the Preamble of the 13th Clause of the Regency Act, that the care of His Majesty's Person should be committed to the Queen, together with the sole direction of such portion of His Majesty's Household as shall be deemed requisite & suitable for the due attendance on His Majesty's sacred Person, & the maintenance of His Royal Dignity. The part which, under the present circumstances it may be deemed necessary & proper to assign for this purpose & to continue under Her Majesty's control

should

should consist of

The Groom of the Stole
4 Lords of the Bedchamber
4 Grooms of Do
The Privy Purse
The Master of the Robes
The Equerries.

That the general management & control of the whole of this arrangement should be placed under the Groom of the Stole, who would require a Secretary or some Officer of that description.

That the Groom of the Stole should be required & authorised to call upon the Lord Steward, the Lord Chamberlain, & the Master of the Horse for such & so many of the Servants & inferior

Officers

Officers under their respective Departments, as may be necessary for the accommodation of that part of His Majesty's Family & attendants which may be in attendance on His Majesty at the Palace where His Majesty may from time to time reside, & to draw upon the several Heads of those Departments for such money as may be required to defray the Expenses of such Establishment, not exceeding ( ) a certain Sum.

It is suggested that this blank should be filled up with a specific Sum to be calculated upon Estimate of the probable Expense - and that any exceeding beyond that Sum, (if any such should occur,) should not

not fall upon the Civil List, but should be brought before Parliament.

It is estimated upon reference to an account of the actual amount of the Salaries of the Servants at Windsor, & of the Expences under the several Departments for the Year ending the 5th of July last, (which account is annexed to this Paper) that the Expence of an Establishment so framed need not exceed £100.000 per annum. As it is assumed that altho there may be some Expences to be added to this account particularly those incurred at The Queen's House in Saint James's Park, & some other articles which may not appear in the Account as actually paid at Windsor, yet such deductions ~~will~~ will of course be made from the Expence of last Year, as will bring the whole within the compass of

of the above Sum –
As the Expense of
the King's Physicians
must be provided
for, it is thought
that for that purpose,
the Privy Purse
allowance should be
continued, & put
under Her Majesty's
disposal, subject to
such annual Charges
as are now upon it,
and also to the
payment of His Majesty's
Medical Attendants.

If this Fund should
not be thought
sufficient an addition
must be made to
it for that purpose
either from the Revenues
of the Duchy of Lancaster

or

or from the Droits of Admiralty, or by some distinct Provision.

2/ Under the second Head it is not thought that any additional Remark will be necessary.

3/ Under the third, It is to be considered in what manner the Deficiency occasioned in the Civil List by the Provision for the King shall be compensated.

This may be done in two ways – The simplest and easiest would be to vote a Sum to the Civil List, equal to the Deduction, to be applied towards supplying to the Regents the Salaries for additional

Lords of the Bedchamber
&c &c, in the room of
those taken for Attendance
on the King, and for
repaying the Amounts
of the Expenses incurred
by the Provision for His
Majesty and His Family.
Under this Arrangement
it is conceived that the
Allowance to the Regent,
as Prince of Wales, would
be expected to cease.

The other way would
be by continuing to
His Royal Highness His
Allowance as Prince of
Wales.

The latter it is humbly
suggested would be
found preferable.

The effect of the
first would be to

restore indeed to the Civil List what would be taken from it for the King's Use; but then, the Sum so restored would necessarily be appropriated to the same Uses, and would not afford a Fund which would be capable of being applied in any other manner than to the Expenses of the Departments, to which it would, by the very nature of the Grant, be assigned.

Whereas, it is conceived that the Allowance as Prince of Wales, or such part of it as is free, might be employed in

the maintenance of such part of His Royal Highness's Establishment as Prince of Wales, or of His Expenses connected with the same, as His Royal Highness might be desirous of providing for.

It is conceived that it will be necessary further to provide His Royal Highness with a Privy Purse. It would be desirable to procure a Vote of Parliament for that purpose, to the same Amount as His Majesty's, and it is thought that the Object of obtaining a Vote to such an Amount would be much facilitated, provided the General Arrangement, in its other branches, should not create an additional

Burden to the Public.

It is further humbly submitted that a Sum of Money should be voted to His Royal Highness to enable Him to defray the Expenses which He must have incurred by the Regency — The Amount of which Sum is left for Consideration.

With regard to Her Majesty, as it is understood that She has certain Debts which are extremely pressing and inconvenient, it is conceived that some plan may be devised for their immediate or gradual liquidation. But Mr. Perceval concur

that the idea of creating a separate Establishment for Her Majesty, independent of His Majesty's, would not be consistent with the Principles on which the Custody of His Majesty's Person has been consigned to the Queen; and that, not only on account of the increased Expense, but from a variety of still more important Considerations, it would throw great additional difficulties in the way of the proposed Arrangement.

With regard to the Princesses, it is humbly conceived that it would not be prudent to embarrass the Discussions upon this Arrangement

of the Household, with any Subject not necessarily forming a part of those Discussions; but that any gracious Consideration which His Royal Highness may be pleased to give to the Situation of their Royal Highnesses would be much better reserved, till after the new Arrangement should have been carried into effect.

Mr. Percival presents his compliments to Mr. Adam, & has to apologize for troubling him a second time, with an account alluded to in the paper sent to Mr. Adam yesterday evening, but (as Mr. Percival fears) omitted to be annexed to it.

Sunday Morn.
1st Dec. 1811.

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An Account of the Charge for His Majesty's Establishment at Windsor for one Year ending 5th July 1811.

| | Salaries | Bills |
|---|---|---|
| Lord Chamberlain's Depart.t | 2.927.7.4 | 6.550.+ |
| Lord Steward's — D.o | 4.351.— | 66.383 |
| *Master of the Horse — D.o | 7.931.18.2 | 4.923 |
| Master of the Robes — D.o | 1.196.— | 1.587 |
| | 16.406.5.6 | 79.443.— |
| | | 16.406 |
| | | 95.849 |
| Add. Groom of the Stole | | 3.000 |
| 4 Lords of the Bedchamber | | 4.000 |
| 4 Grooms | | 2.000 |
| | | £104.849.— |

* This is on the Average of the last 3 years.

+ Including all the Equerries.

Whereas the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds was advanced for Our Use by Thomas Coutts Esquire on the day of September last, and the further Sum of Seventeen Thousand Pounds is this day in like manner advanced for Our Use by the said Thomas Coutts, which two Sums, together making Twenty Thousand Pounds, We have agreed to repay to him, with ~~lawful~~ after the rate of Five Pounds per Cent per Annum, Interest for the same out of the Revenues of Our Duchy of Cornwall, in manner following, that is to say, the Sum of Two Thousand five hundred Pounds in the Month of July next, which will be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Twelve, or such larger Sum as may then be found practicable, and the half yearly Sum of Two Thousand five hundred Pounds, or a larger Sum if it be practicable, in each of the Months of January and July in every ~~each~~ succeeding Year ~~and every~~ until the whole of the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall have been fully discharged; Our Will and Pleasure therefore is, that, out of the Revenues of Our said Duchy of Cornwall, ~~you~~ do pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Thomas Coutts the before mentioned Sum of Two Thousand five hundred Pounds in the Month of July next, or such larger Sum as may then be found practicable, and also the half Yearly Sum of Two Thousand five hundred Pounds, or a larger Sum if it be practicable, in each of the Months of January and July in every succeeding Year until the whole of the Money so advanced as aforesaid by the said Thomas Coutts shall have been fully repaid; And that, in addition to every such Payment or Installment, ~~you~~ do likewise at the same time

time pay to the said Thomas Coutts such further sum as shall make up the full amount of the Interest due to him at the time of making every such periodical Payment as aforesaid; And for so doing this shall be your ~~Warrant~~ Warrant. Given at Carlton House the Third day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven, in the Fifty Second Year of Our Reign of Our Royal Father the King.

By His Royal Highness's Command

To Our Right Trusty & Wellbeloved
The Right Honble Richard Brinsley
Sheridan, Our Receiver General of
Our Duchy of Cornwall, or to Our
Receiver General of the said
Duchy for the time being

Warrant

for the Re-payment, to Thomas Coutts Esquire, of the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds by him advanced.

Dated 3d. Decr. 1811

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Bloomsbury Square
Decr 3rd 1811

Sir

I have the Honour to transmit
to Your Royal Highness a Minute
as near as may be of what passed
between Mr Perceval & me Yesterday -
And a paper resulting from that
Conversation which I made out and
sent to him -

The Copying the Papers have
occasioned

occupied much Time. Though I have had Two Confidential Persons Engaged in copying —

Your Royal Highness will observe that I carried the three principal papers Yesterday to Mr Perceval: and I sent the Observations on his Memorandum early this Morning. In a Couple of Hours I shall have the Copies for the Chancellor & Lord Liverpool.

I propose sending to Lord Wellesley a copy of the paper resulting from my Conversation with Mr Perceval.

Yours

Your Royal Highness will have the Goodness to observe that my suggestion of quarterly payments was made to obviate his personal difficulty as to the Duchy Arrears — But that I have taken care in the Red Ink note to refer Once More to the Legal officers.

I have remained at Home all day to pray to get the Butler of a very Severe Cold. I have signified to the Duke of Clarence that I will attend H.R.H. to

Morrow

to Morrow at 11 o Clock — On Sunday I shall attend Your Royal Highness at Badlands — As I shall hope in the Course of to Morrow & Saturday to put the Duke of Clarence's Business in some Shape.

I have the Honour to

remain — Sir

with Most profound respect

Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted

Most obliged

and

Most Humble Servant

William Adam

On the 4th at 4 o'Clock P. M. I saw Mr Perceval and delivered to him three Papers — viz:

1. The Prince Regent's outline drawn up before Receiving Mr Perceval's Memn.
2. General Observations upon Mr P's Memn
3. The Prince Regent's outline drawn up after the Recr of Mr P's Memn.

The 4th Paper was not then completely Copied.

I then entered into a very full discussion with him upon the Prince's Situation in the Character of Prince of Wales. with a View to impress in the Strongest Manner the necessity of Relieving those

of Negotiations

obligations which bore upon H.R.
H's income. I endeavoured to point
out the Causes of this accumula-
tion — and the Debt which had
been brought upon H.R.H.
since 1803. As well as the pay-
ment to the Public and the Pr.
of Wales — By property Tax in
the first instance and increased
income in the Second: and to
represent that these being deducted
the Accumulation of Debt was
such as might have been expected

and

And such as I believed the Public would not think excessive or be unwilling to discharge.

Mr Porval said he thought its gradual Increase under my Eye must have given me that impression — That he was apprehensive that it would create an Outcry — That it was paying debts which were not due — for the Tradesmen should have made their Claims under the Prince's Act — and not having done so they had no legal

Claim

Claim. That there could not be a
Worse Time for such a demand
as it was a Most Expensive Year
to the Public – Pressure on all
Hands – and Scarcity coming on.

Represented the Impossibility
of allowing the P. R. to be
Established in the Station of
Sovereign Authority with
such Claims Remaining unsettled.

That the Mode proposed would
not Answer the End – as the Claims
on the proposed Privy Purse, and
on the P. W's Eclt. Income would

Amount

amount to a Sum which would not have behind More than £23000 for Privy Purse and for all other Matters - So that there would be Nothing to reduce the Debt not yet put in Liquidation: and with the Duchy of Cornwall only 36000 £ for all purposes.

That the Prince H.R.H. had a Claim of Right which he had postponed but not abandoned, which even at Simple Interest would do much more than pay the Whole Debt, and that the public would

only

only be giving him what was his Right — that for this Right the had the opinion of the Present Ch.r of Ireland, the Chief Justice Manseld, the Present Attny Genl — the late Attny & Solr Genl Mr Baron Graham — Mr Hargraves & Burn.

Mr Perceval said circumstances rendered it impossible for the Person who would have to bring the Matter forward to place it on the Ground of the P. having a Legal Claim. That with every respect for Our Opinions the had formed a different One. That When Solr Genl the had given this Opinion in the House of Com.s

Ag.t

against the Claim – and upon that
Argument the House had thought
fit to act. I said that difficulty
might be got over by putting
the payment of the Debt upon
the footing of small quarterly
instalments – which might
not either on the Claim as a
Ground of Relief – or generally
upon the prosperity of the nation
as persons felt it. That the
sum coming gradually wd not
be considered as severe upon
the Public, and that the

Payment

Payment could be so provided for as to make it unnecessary to state the details of the Debt to Parliament. I said that in obedience to the Commands of the P. R. I had (as the Person trusted with these things, and acquainted with them) made them known to him (Mr Pl) that they were not mixed with the other Public Matter in the Papers delivered: But that they

were

been most important in the
Consideration of the Prince's
Situation: and if not arranged
now would become utterly
unmanageable —

Mr P. expressed a strong desire
to have the Particulars in writing
that he mt be able to consider
the better than he could do by verbal
Statement as Particulars would recall
his Memory — I accordingly drew
out & sent to him the Paper
of which the Copy is inclosed.

Bloomsbury Sq: Decr 5th 1811

Minute
of
a Conversation
w^th
Mr Pinnal.
on the 4th Dec^r
1811

Debt.

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The Prince Regent's Allowance £40,000 a year to pay his Debts —

Of this sum £10,000 is withdrawn from the Creditors of the Prince — which since the settlement of 1808 has been applied to the payment of the debts of the Princess of Wales —

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|---|---|
| There remains under liquidation at the rate of £30,000 a year | 153,000 — |
| Of the 49,000 which the Prince undertook to discharge for the Princess of Wales there remains | 17,000 — |
| There is of Arrears not provided for any Fund of Liquidation | 125,000 — |
| For Purchase of Plate, Pictures, &c. | 67,000 — |
| | £362,000 — |

The debt to the Landgrave consists

1st Of the sum of £25,000 — The Balance of £55,000 which sum of 25,000 — The Commissioners appointed to pay the Princess's Debts did not pay to and which the Prince found himself, when he

he should be enabled to pay with interest —

2dly – A sum of £33,000 for which the Prince was bound as surety for the Duke of York – this is settled separately by the Duke —

3dly – A Sum of £13,000 for which the Prince was bound, as surety for the Duke of Clarence —

All these obligations for the Prince himself and for his Royal Brothers were incurred before 1795 —

In 1799 – the Prince borrow'd £40,000 from the Landgrave of Hesse – These sums with Principle and interest, according to an Account made up by Lavenby amount to £224,000 – From this the Debt of Yorks being arranged may be deducted, so that of the Prince, (according to our understanding) which good the Duke of Clarence to the Landgrave – £64,000 may be deducted from that debt even as made up by Lavenby –

It will then be — — — — £160,000 —

Debt to English Cred.rs British one — 362,000 —

£ 522,000 —

The Plan proposed of adding a Privy Purse of £60,000 a year, and Leaving the Prince of Wales with his Exchequer Income, will never obtain relief from the Debt. Nor will it even enable the Prince to make good the appropriations or annual charges already fixed upon his income — and allow to the Civil List revenue any sum at all adequate to the replacing the sum estimated as necessary for His Majesty's Establishment at Windsor which Mr Percival puts at £100,000 a year —

The Account varied stand thus

| Income | | Outgoing | |
|---|---|---|---|
| P. of W. Exchq.r Inc.e | £120,000 — | P. of Wales | £ 17000 — |
| Duchy of Corn.l | 13,000 — | Creditors | 40,000 — |
| Proposed P. Purse | 60,000 — | Civil List | 100,000 — |
| | £193,000 — | | £ 157,000 — |
| To Liquidate debt, Supply Privy Purse &c. | | | 36,000 — |
| | | | £ 193,000 — |

The Arrears of the Duchy* during the Minority of the Prince, at Simple Interest, amount to a sum con:

* N.B. This claim is satisfied by a great number of Legal Opinions formed upon the fullest Consideration; and which can at any time be submitted to Perusal —

considerably larger than all the Debt — and would form a good Ground for a basis of an Arrangement by such instalments — pay £20,000 per Quarter, as with the aid of a Parliamentary security would be the Means of liquidating these demands —

If this Mode were adopted it would only be necessary to add the sum taken from the Civil List for His Majesty's without any grant of a separate Privy Purse to the Prince, as his Royal Highness would fall into the enjoyment of the Privy Purse allotted to the King from the Civil List Revenue —

The Princes pecuniary affairs were last before Parliament in 1803 —

At that time it was understood that H.R.H. was to postpone re-appearing his State till his Debts should be liquidated by an appropriation of income —

Since that period the liquidation has been impeded by Embarrassments and demands which were not then in Contemplation, or at all foreseen — This serves to account for a large portion of the present Arrears —

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The are, 1st The Property tax of £12,000 not then in Existence which in 8 years is - £96,000

2dly The Prince of Wales's Debts - - - 49,000

3dly The Addition to H. R. H's income of 5000£ a year which has been paid three years - - - - 15,000

160,000

4th The expence of this year of Regency, and the purchase of permanent property compleated on this Accession - - - -

Without filling up this blank £160,000 is the sum which may be fairly taken in diminution of the Debts of the Prince, ceased upon him, and not Created by his own Acts or the Acts of his Servants

Statement —
Respecting the Debts
of
The Prince of Wales
and
The Demands upon
the income of
His Royal Highness