

C. J. Fox b. H. P. H.

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Sir
The Cabinet have this afternoon
been finally decided that the term is to be for
seven years absolute, and if at the end of
that period there should be an existing War
His Majesty may retain the Men three years
longer; at the end of the three years, War or
Peace, the Men to be entitled to their Discharge
so that if there ~~be~~ is Peace they obtain their
Discharge in seven years and at all events in
ten. — I hear there are many People whom
this ^{eventual} extension of Period will satisfy, and if
so it ^{was} worth while to give it.

I am sure your Royal Highness is
impressed with the necessity of our exerting
ourselves for attendance in the strongest
manner, partly for Wednesday & Thursday

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next when the Army Estimates will be considered but more particularly for Wednesday Te'ennight when the Report of limited Service will come on in the Committee on the Mutiny Bill.

The Repeal of the Parish Bill is now settled to come on on Tuesday next in the House of Lords in order that the Queen's Party on Monday may not interfere with the attendance. Perhaps, if not only your Royal Highness, but such of the other Princes as are not friends to the Parish Bill would attend it would be very useful to us.

There is no reason why the debate should be mixed with the consideration either of limited Service or with any other part of our Plan, and I know it is the intention of Ministers to keep it quite separate. - I should hope therefore that on Tuesday none of the Princes (except always

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the D. of Cumberland) will vote against us,
and I flatter myself that the rest of them
will think it right to follow your Royal
Highness and to support the King's Ministry,
in a question where their opinion, as in the
case of the repeal of the Parish Bill, is not
unfavourable. I am going out of town this
evening but hope to have the honour of
seeing your Royal Highness at Lord
Spencer's tomorrow.

I am, Sir,

your Royal Highness's
most attached servant

C. J. Fox

Stable Yard

Saturday $\frac{1}{4}$ past six P.M.

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Mr. Fox