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Downing Street Nov. 29. 1806

Sir

I had this morning the honour
to receive Your Royal Highness's commands.
Under the circumstances there mentioned
it really does not appear to me that there
are any other places to which A. R. A. the

Duke

Duke of Sussex could go with advantage for
 the recovery of his health, & for avoiding
 the danger of a Winter in England, except
 the Island of Madeira or Malta - Lisbon
 being manifestly too insecure a residence
 to be trusted to in the present situation of
 Europe.

I am in the greatest degree dis-
 -satisfied by what your Royal Highness
 mentions

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mentions of the pecuniary difficulties of
the Duke of Sussex, to which I am really
apaid in the present state of the Civil list
it is absolutely impossible for me to suggest
any remedy.

Ever since the last augmentation
of the Civil list, which took place in July
1804, the expence has been going on upon
an average of above £100.000 p. ann
beyond

beyond the allowance, and I consequently
found in February last a fresh debt in-
-curred, and an excess still going on. Your
Royal Highness will I am sure feel that the
present state & circumstances of the County
are not such as would make it possible
to apply to Parliament for a further increase
until every endeavour has been exhausted
to reduce the expence within the bounds of
the

increased allowance as granted in 1804.

I have accordingly employed myself in investigating this subject, but I greatly fear that it will be found that the Estimate was then taken too low, and that the necessary and unavoidable expense will go beyond the Estimate.

Under these circumstances, and when every part of this subject must be expected to wind up in the present, or at latest in the
next

next Session a minute and palous investiga-
tion no step could be more injurious to the
Public interests, or to those of the Royal Family
unparalelly connected with the former, than
that it should appear that fresh charge
has been incurred on their account, in
addition to the Parliamentary increase of
allowance which was granted to their Royal
Highnesses last Session, and which I saw

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sons to say has, (within my own knowledge,) been,
however unjustly, the cause of much dissatis-
faction in the Public.

I have taken the liberty to trouble
Your Royal Highness with this detail,
because nothing can be more painful to
me than to appear to stand in the way
of any accommodation that can be resumed
for the comfort or dignity of any of the
branches

branches of a family whom I so much
respect & revere. But I am certain your
Royal Highness is too just & unpartisan to me
the hard necessity of the times in which we
live, and too discerning not to see the
deference that must under such circum-
stances be paid to public opinion even
where it operates in a manner very contra-
-ry to what would otherwise be wished.

I have the honour

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Dr

with the most unfeigned

respect & deference

to

Your Royal Highness's

most dutiful

& devoted servant

Granville.

