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Mr Ryder has the Honor of transmitting to Your Royal Highness a Copy of the Address of the Corporation of London to be presented to Your Royal Highness tomorrow, and the Draft of the Answer which Mr Ryder humbly submits to Your Royal Highness, it may be proper for Your Royal Highness to make to the Address.

Mr Ryder conceived that it would be right to mark with satisfaction those Sentiments of Respect and Confidence, which relate personally to Your Royal Highness,

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and that it would be equally proper to
pass over without notice the unqualified censure
of Your Royal Highness's Servants, and of the
measures of Government for the last three or
four years.

But Mr Ryder would humbly beg leave
to draw Your Royal Highness's Attention to
other parts of this Address, and particularly
to that part of it, which speaks of the present
State of the House of Commons.

Without entering into the question of the
propriety of Reform, or entertaining ~~any~~ wish
to intimate a doubt of the expediency of fair
and temperate discussion upon ^{many} this subject
Mr Ryder cannot refrain from submitting
to Your Royal Highness, that it is an

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extraordinary proceeding for the first Corporation
of the Kingdom in their first Address to Your
Royal Highness as the Representative of the
Executive Authority and the Heir to the
Crown, ~~to~~ tell Your Royal Highness
that the state of Representation, (which has existed
with little or no change since a long before
the present Royal Family succeeded to the
Throne, and which, whatever opinions may
be entertained of it, is, ~~still~~ altered by Law,
the legal and constitutional Representative
of the People) is such that the odiousness of
it must excite Your Royal Highness's virtuous
abhorrence.

Mr Ryder humbly proposes not to commit

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Enclosing Copy of
the Address of the
Corporation of London
& D^y: of the proposed

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Your Royal Highness to any opinion upon
the question of reform in the Representation,
nor to enter into any altercation with the language
of the Address, which he conceives would not
become Your Royal Highness; exalted Situation
But he humbly submits to Your Royal
Highness that after hearing such sentiments
announced, Your Royal Highness might
deem it right to avail yourself of the
opportunity which Your Royal Highness
has not sought, but which is forced upon
You to declare Your Royal Highness;
Attachment to the Constitution and the
Sense upon Your Royal Highness entertainers of
the Blessings it has produced.

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Mr Ryder is persuaded that no Man can doubt Your Royal Highness's Sentiments upon the Subject; and that so far such a Declaration may be deemed unnecessary: but he still ventures humbly to express his apprehensions that the good Sense, the Patriotism and the Loyalty of the great Body of the People, (who will unquestionably be offended, as they ought, ~~by~~ that part of the Address to which Mr Ryder has last alluded,) might be disappointed, if upon an occasion, which seems so strongly to require it, Your Royal Highness should

not notice either directly or indirectly
an Attack of such a nature on the existing
Laws and Constitution of the Country.

Mr Hyder humbly hopes that Your
Royal Highness will excuse the length
of this letter, and that Your Royal Highness
will condescend to see in it nothing but an
conscious desire to lay before Your Royal
Highness the grounds & motives of any Advice
which it may be his Duty at any time
to tender with all submission to Your Royal
Highness's gracious Consideration.