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Mr Perceval presents his humble duty to your  
Royal Highness, and acquaints your Royal Highness  
that Mr. Ward made a motion in the House  
this evening for an humble address to your Royal  
Highness that you would be graciously pleased  
to direct that there should be laid before the  
House Copies & abstracts of all such dispatches  
as had passed between the Gov<sup>t</sup> of Ireland  
and the Secretary of State for the Home Department  
relative to Mr. Dolan's circular letter respecting  
the meeting of the Roman Catholics in Dublin

Mr. Dolan's letter, and the letter of Mr. May  
the Secretary to that meeting, for the appointment  
of ten Managers from every County in Ireland  
His Royal Highness  
The Prince Regent

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had already been laid before the House, and  
Your Royal Highness's Servants thought that whatever  
might be the propriety of producing any further  
information upon this Subject at a subsequent Period—  
at the present time, in the absence of Mr. Dole, and  
when the Information of the Gov<sup>t</sup>. itself was so  
deficient, it would be highly inexpedient  
to produce it— They therefore resolved to move.  
They contended that the Secretary's letter alone,  
which was already before the House was sufficient  
to prove that the Meeting was illegal, and that  
the act of the Irish Government was strictly con-  
-formable to Law, and that as to the Expediency  
of carrying it into execution in the mode and at  
the time which they did, confiding in the  
Wisdom of the Irish Government, and in the  
Censure which would be cast upon the Duke of Richmond

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had administered his office, they were satisfied  
the Irish Government would not have taken this  
step if they had not been assured that it was necessary;  
and that taking for granted that the information  
they had received from the Duke of Devonshire, imperfect  
as it was, was to be relied upon they confidently trusted  
that the evidence would prove not only legal but expedient  
but that they had not themselves the details of the  
grounds on which he had proceeded, and could not therefore  
produce the full case of the Government of Ireland  
at present if they would — That your Royal  
Highness lamented deeply that any occasion  
should have occurred for putting the law in  
execution, and that every direction had been  
given to execute the law with as much lenity  
as was consistent with the public tranquillity.

The Speeches in the debate were

as follows.

For Mr Ward's notice -

Against it

Mr Ward

Mr Gyerke

Mr Graham

Mr Darnley

Genl Loftus

Mr Henry Mervyn

Mr John Kemp

Mr Berewell

Mr Whitbread

Mr Taber

Mr. Hatherly

Mr Benson

The House divided about 4 p.m. of Oct

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