

S. Perceval to Col. McKeown

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Private & Confidential

Dear Sir

I wish to call ~~to~~ your attention  
to a Paragraph in the Morning Chronicle of  
this morning — I hope you will not misunder-  
-stand me to be so unreasonable as to have  
expected that any of H. R. H.'s Friends should  
make any alteration whatever in their political  
conduct, much less that they should act  
in opposition to any previous opinions which they  
have given on political subjects — But I only  
wish to bring it fairly to your consideration  
whether you do not think, that upon any

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question between the Reports for. and the opposition  
or whether you should have an opinion in favor  
of our measure, it might not be creditable <sup>truly</sup>  
to the Prince, as well as to the Government, that you

should give us your vote —  
<sup>which is to find a charge against the Chancellor</sup>  
The question, this night, is one or whether

certainly, I should feel such a vote more  
batheable, but at the same time, I am very  
sensible that you should <sup>know that I am aware</sup> feel, that there is  
certainly something so very peculiar in the  
subject of this night's discussion, referring to the  
former Anarchy of the King, that the House  
so dear to His Royal Highness would not  
deeply regret that any thing so indelicate  
as an enquiry into the particulars of the King's  
health ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> that time should be prosecuted in

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Parliament, yet he might feel some difficulty  
in forming your opinion to it — and therefore  
of course you could not, without the fullest  
explanation & authority from the Prime Minister  
think of giving any vote upon it at all —

I am quite certain that you will enter  
entirely into all the feelings which induce me  
to handle you with this note; and will understand  
distinctly that my wish is merely to bring this  
subject under your own consideration & leave  
it to you, under his Royal Highness's direction  
& sanction, to act just as you think right —  
and I promise you, I shall not ascribe your  
determination, whatever way it may be  
taken, to any motive or principle, to which  
you would not yourself subscribe it.

Yours

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I am Sir

Your most obedt  
servant  
S. Perceval

Mr. Brown  
July 25. 1911