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Memorandum respecting The King's Privy Purse.

Receipts

The sum issued from the
Exchequer to The King's Privy
Purse, is £60,000
Surplus Revenue
of Duchy of Lancaster. — 10,000
Annual £ 70,000.—

Payments by M^r. Drummond,

To M^r. Bott for Salaries,
Pensions & other Contingencies,
which include Repair of Houses
of Farm Buildings, Taxes,
&c. &c. — £ 19,880.—

Medical Expenses
annual average. — 27,000.—

M^r. Drummond's
annual account
of Payments. — 10,160.—

Extra Sum for the
Great Library, about. — 1,000.—

58,040.—

Annual Surplus
receivable from the
Keeper of the Privy
Purse, by His Majesty's
Trustees. — 11,960.—

£ 70,000.—

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The general amount of the Surplus received from the
 Keeper of the Privy Purse from 1812, to September 1818, both
 years inclusive has been £59,000. — — average — £11,800.

D^r. from Mess^{rs}. Brown & Bott

from 1812 to September 1818,

both years inclusive. ——— 14,153. 5. 6 — D^r — — 2,175.
£ 73,153. 5. 6. — — £ 13,975.

altho' The King's Trustees were appointed early in 1812,
 no Surplus was paid to them from the Privy Purse until
 1814, and it appears that since that Period, when M^r. A. B.
 Drummond has transferred more than £10,000. within
 the year, his other Payments have been thrown in anear.

The Surplus on M^r. Bott's Accounts in the last
 three Quarters, has not exceeded £300. —, encrease Div.
 bursements having arisen from Charges for Repairs of
 Buildings, formerly done by the Board of works, and
 from the Transfer of other Charges.

This Encrease forbids any Expectation that the Average Surplus on
 M^r. Bott's Accounts will in future years exceed. — £1,000. —

M ^r . Drummond's.	11,960. —
Total Amount	12,960. —
add for Rents, Produce of Home Park &c.	1,000. —
	<u>£ 13,960.</u>

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This Surplus is however liable, before it can be placed in the Funds, to the Drafts of His Majesty's Trustees for various Contingencies, to the Annual amount of about £ 3,000.— and the Surplus actually disposable in the Funds cannot be estimated annually at more than £ 11,000.— unless it should be increased by the Reduction of the Medical Charges. —

The Property vested in the Funds up to the present Period, is — in the 3 P. Cent Consols — £ 85,000.—
in Bank Stock. ————— 12,000.—
and the Cash Balance at Mess^{rs} Drummonds, is 2,282.—

The Excess in the funded Property beyond the amount of Surplus received, and the Accumulation of Interest, has arisen from Sales of Property in Windsor Forest, & of Farming Stock upon the Transfer of Property held in Right of the Crown.

The Amount of Salaries, Pensions, and Allowances paid by Mr Bott, is annually about £ 13,300.— of which the Particulars can be given if required. —

The abstract of Mr Drummonds's annual

Payments

Payments is annexed.

N. B. Mr. Drummond, and Mr. Bott both
account to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury
and the Council of The King's Trustees extends
only to Real Property, and to the Application of
the Surplus. -

Memorandum, respecting
The King's Duty House.

Abstract of Mr A. B. Drummond's Annual Account

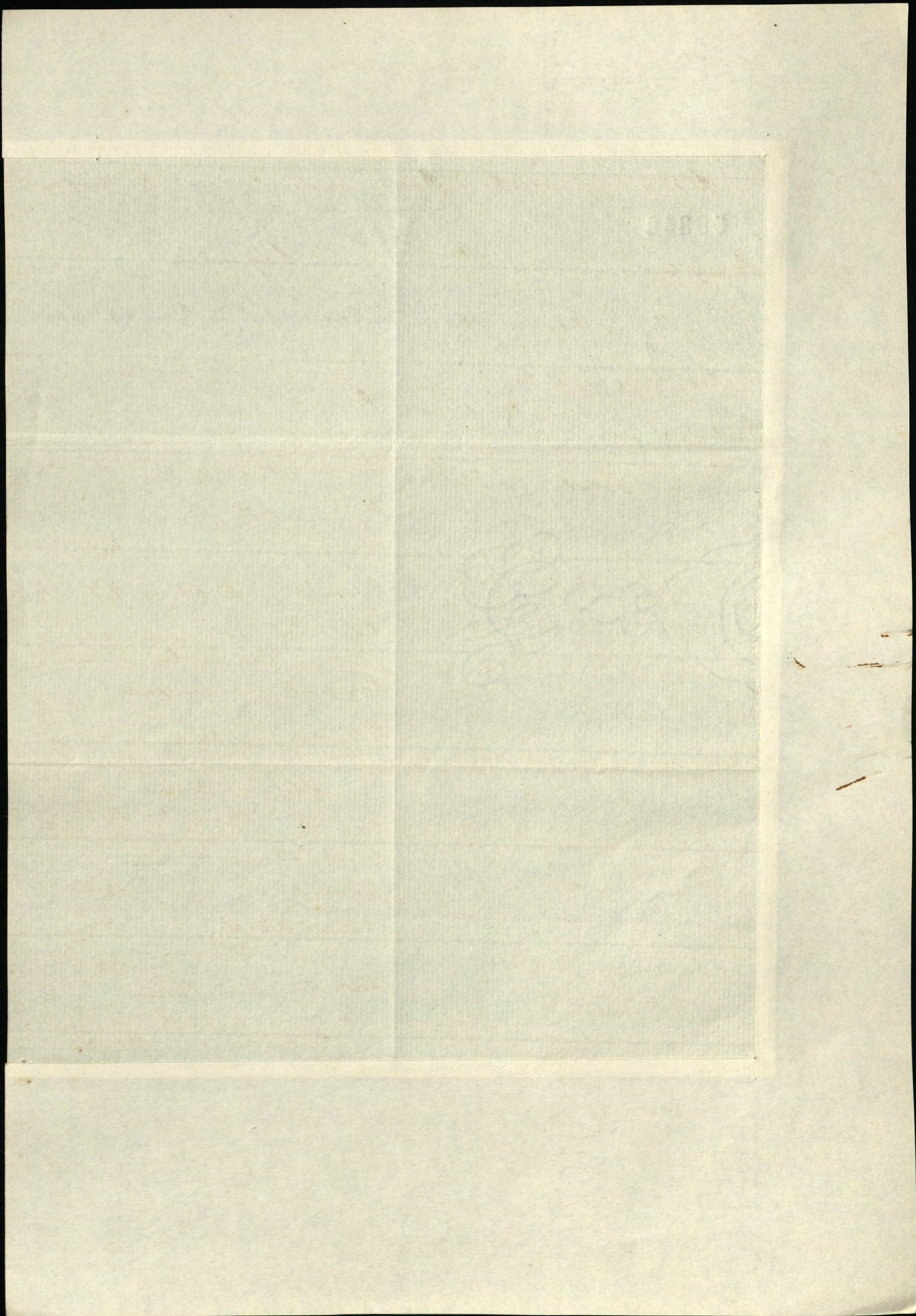
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Receipts

From the Exchequer. £60,000.
 Surplus Revenue of the
 Duchy of Lancaster } 10,000
 Total. - £70,000

Payments

Keeper of Privy Purse's Account
 Salaries - annual - £802. 10. 0
 Pensions - 342. 0 0
 Payments at Richmond
 New for Salaries Taxes &c. - 963. 14. 0
 Payments to the German
 Chancery - 5,405. 10 9
 Payments for the Library 1632. 10 0
 Do for the Upper Library - 404. 19. 6
 Payments of various small
 Bills & Annual Allowances - 527. 15 5
 Total Privy Purse's
 own Account - 10,159. 7. 0
 To Mr Bott under the Queen's
 Warrant - 19,000
 Medical Attendance - 27,000
 57,039. 7. 0
 Add extra sum for Library
 about - 1000 0 0
 Balance - £11,960. 12. 4



Mr Gen. N. Taylor to HRH.

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New Britain 31 10th. 9 p. m.

Sir,

If I could have foreseen that We should not have the Honor of seeing Your Royal Highness this day, I should have taken an earlier opportunity of reporting to You the Result of The Princess Augustas Communication to the Queen, which I learnt from the Duke of York & from Sir Francis Mordaunt.

The Queen sent for Her Royal Highness much earlier than usual and very soon adverted to the Communication which She had given to Her. - The Princess Augusta stated that She had received my Answer in writing & would read it to Her. The

Queen

Lucas listened in Silence but with visible Emotion, and then
desired H.A. to read certain parts again slowly. Her
Majesty then asked her whether she considered that the
Opinion given implied that there was danger, to which
H.A. replied that she had not understood that the
Physicians applied that word to any other State than
that of Spasm, which certainly occasioned considerable
Uneasiness to them. — Her Majesty entered into her own
Situation, described her Sufferings as very great, and
their Influence upon her Mind as very distressing,
lamented most bitterly their Effect upon her Temper,
and expressed her Anxiety to counteract that Effect,
appearing the Princeps Augustus that her time was chiefly
passed in prayer, and often so when she was thought

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to be as such. Her Majesty gave full Credit to the Physicians
for their Care and Attention, but observed that she
experienced no Benefit, altho' she had very Confidence
in their Ability and felt attached to them for their
Kindness. — That she had often looked upon her State
as very critical, while, at other times, she gathered
hope from the Strength of her Constitution, dreading
however that it might be exhausted. Her Majesty
expressed very strongly her Sense of the affectionate
Attention which she had experienced from her Children,
named Gen. Royal Highness particularly, and
lamented that she felt unequal to the Effort of seeing
Gen. , desiring that the remaining her Daughters were

an opinion which at times she could hardly make. She
concluded by asking the Princess Augusta whether she
had spoken to me about her Money Concerns, to which
she replied that the Answer was satisfactory and would
be conveyed in writing to her Majesty.

I have done myself the honor of
stating these particulars to your Royal Highness as
they have reached me thro' a third Person, and can
only add that the Impression I have received is that
it would be difficult to discharge with more firmness
discretion & purity than the Princess Augusta has
shown the painful Duty which her Royal Highness
imposed upon herself.

Mr Francis Astman saw the
Letter sent to the Duke of Devonshire

This Communication upon the King's Mind was very
cordant from the anxious Questions which she put to him
and the Earnestness with which she called for an honest
Opinion. The King was in a State of such nervousness
and Agitation that Sir Francis Mordaunt, after candidly
admitting that the King's Condition was not at all times
free from Danger, considered it absolutely necessary
to hold an encouraging Language, and to dwell upon
every part & prospect of Relief, adding that the Physicians
flattered themselves that they should be able to afford
it as they had already done, above all that they should
be able to keep off the Spasms from the recurrence
of which they chiefly apprehended danger but which
had

had been waded off for more than seven weeks by the
Purgative Medicines. In short Sir Francis Maitland
felt called upon by every Motive of Humanity to
endeavour to soften by all the Encouragement, which he
could hold out the strong Disapprobation which had been
made, without attempting by any means to oppose it.

Sir Henry Hallifax saw the Letter
later in the day and found it extremely low. He
is writing to your Royal Highness & will, I am persuaded,
report with his usual fertility and accuracy all that
has passed in a Conversation which betrayed in an
additional degree the deep Disapprobation made, to such
an extent indeed as the Customs consisting of the Paper
could

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could not justify, and Sir H. Kalford appears to have succeeded
in his Endeavour to soften it.

The Duke of Gloucester has also
seen the Letter, and has written to your Royal
Highness. — I will therefore not encroach further upon
your time than by observing that, from all that has passed,
it is very clear that the Queen has not mistaken the
Opinion conveyed, and that it has raised greater blame
than she was prepared for. Still I was confident,
that your Royal Highness will agree with us all
that there is no cause to regret the Step taken &
that, under all Circumstances, it was imperiously
called for by the Nature of Her Majesty's Commands.

It is singular, Sir, that neither upon
this Occasion, nor any other that I can bring to my
Mind has the Queen ever adverted to the adorning
Age, as having any Influence on the State; - On
the contrary the Compassions which She has made have
always refer'd to Persons very much younger than
Herself.

I have the Honour to be with the
most respectful & dutiful Acknowledgment,

Sir,

Your Royal Highness's

most Obedient

and Dutiful Servant

W. Taylor

To Mr. Hubert Taylor

to

The Prince Regent

31. Oct. 1810.

M. Gen. N. Taylor to H. R. H.

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New-~~November~~ 10 1788

Secret.

Sir,

I consider it due to your Royal Highness, upon every ground, to acquaint you that the Letter sent for me yesterday between 12 & 1 that I was with Her Majesty nearly half an hour. She charged me not to mention to Her Majesty what passed, and I have therefore not even said to the Princesses that had been admitted to Her Majesty's Presence, although it is impossible that they should have been ignorant of the Circumstances; - Still they have not been hinted at, and I trust that their Royal Highnesses are their Royal Highnesses
The Prince Regent

to

too well convinced of my respect and Attachment for them
to ascribe my Resentment, on this Occasion, to any other
Cause than Her Majesty's Injunction to me.

It is impossible, Sir, that I should
not feel that I am placed in a very delicate and,
in some measure, embarrassing Situation; It is my
anxious Wish to act leniently and, if I can, it will not
be intentionally. My Confidence in Your Royal Highness's
Indulgence and in Your liberal View of the Conduct
of those who have been so fortunate as to enjoy Your
good Opinion is unbounded; - I have, upon this
Occasion, made a full and unreserved Minute of what
has passed, which I shall beg leave to submit to
You, whenever the Necessity shall have stood.

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M. Gen. H. Taylor to H. R. H.

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If my Proceedings should then obtain Your Royal Highness's and the Duke of York's Approbation, my mind will be perfectly at ease.

I was shocked at the dreadful Alteration in the Appearance of the poor Queen, whom I had not seen for nearly 10 Weeks; Respecting her own State and the feelings which it had occasioned, she spoke to me nearly as she had done to the Physicians, and she referred to the very serious and painful Impression made by my written Communication, thro' the Princess Augusta, and described the Shock which it had given to her mind and Frame in terms which, though mild and wholly free from Reproach, could not fail to disturb and affect me considerably. — But I

I have the Comfort of knowing that Her Majesty has
been more composed since I saw Her, & comparatively
cheerful, as Your Royal Highness would gather from
the Reports of the Physicians. — It is probable
that I shall wait upon Her again this day.

I have the Honor to be with the
most dutiful and respectful Attendance,

Sir,

Your Royal Highness

Most Obedient & Devoted Servant

W. Taylor

W. H. Taylor

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Mr. Gen. H. Taylor.

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New November 11. 1747

Secret

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint your Royal Highness that the Queen sent for me at half past one this day, and ordered me to read the Will to her, which she appeared to approve, and her Majesty received my necessary explanation, but she did not sign it, having said that she wished previously to read it over to herself.

I thought her Majesty looking less unwell and languid than on Monday last, and she was particularly calm & composed, very attentive to the subject on which I was honored with her summons, and although her manner was anxious, it was free from agitation. — She spoke of her own state with an expression of hope, as to its issue,
Your Royal Highness
The Prince Regent

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which surprised me, and she went even to the length of
uttering an expectation of soon going to Brymore, but as
Interests her Language was depending, and she refused to
what she called my and Paper," which had quite over-
"her."

Sir Francis Maitland who saw her shortly
at half past two, says that he found her very composed, and
that she conversed almost cheerfully on various general Subjects.

I have been earnestly desired by Mrs
Beckwith to endeavour to express to your Royal Highness
how deeply she feels your gracious Proceeding towards her
Yesterday, and that kindness & consideration by which she
was quite overwhelmed. She is also very sensible of the kindness
of Sir Amy Hall's Intercession in opposing your Royal Highness
of an Order upon the occasion which led to your most

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humane and considerate notice of it, but she is distressed beyond measure at the Cause having reached your knowledge and she begs and entreats that your Royal Highness will forget the Circumstances, although she now can give Assurance to Her.

She had struggled to conceal her feelings, until now as she is that what has occasionally so much affected Her is

attributable to a State of Weak & Suffering, which she so much

lament. - She unfortunately betrayed them in a moment when

they had oppressed Her beyond the power of any Assistance

which could be offered by Nurses and Spirits which have

been shaken to the utmost & almost exhausted. It now remains

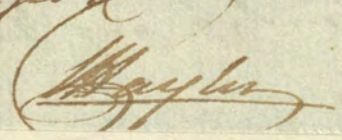
Her wish or Intention to utter a Complaint, ^{still left to convey it, to your Royal Highness} she would

submit to any thing, she would lay down Her life for the

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Queen, and she cannot bear the thoughts of having appeared
 at this or at any time, to give vent, to a word which
 might seem to place the Queen's conduct in an unparalelled
 light towards her Family. It would be most unjustified
 and she trusts that Your Royal Highness and the Princess
 will consider her incapable of it. — She therefore requests
 to be treated that you will not further notice, and that you
 will if possible forget what has passed.

I have the Honour to be with the
 most dutiful & respectful Attachments,

Yours
 Your Royal Highness
 Most Obedient Servant


Mr. Herbert says
 Dec: 11. 1716

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The Queen's Will was signed on the 26th of last Month in the afternoon
& witnessed by Sir Francis Alderman, Sir Henry Knollys & Sir G. Taylor
It directs the Payment of all Debts, Expenses of Robert Oates,
of Lawyers &c out of the amount of Personalty, if the funds
in His Majesty's Treasury should prove insufficient, (as was
proved in the case, there being ^{a few some} a Debt of several thousand
Pounds not provided for).

The Queen's Property & Interests in the Burgages
& House Estate, with her 2 dead Stock, together all her other
Movable Furniture are left to the Bishop of Winchester
The lower Lodge ^{at Windsor} with its Gardens & Appurtenances to
the Bishop of Winchester.

The 2
A 1/2 of Jewels which the Queen received from the
King is left to the King.

~~Other
The Jewels which the Majesty brought from
Frankfurt to be sent back to Frankfurt~~

~~delivered to the Senior Branch of that Home.~~

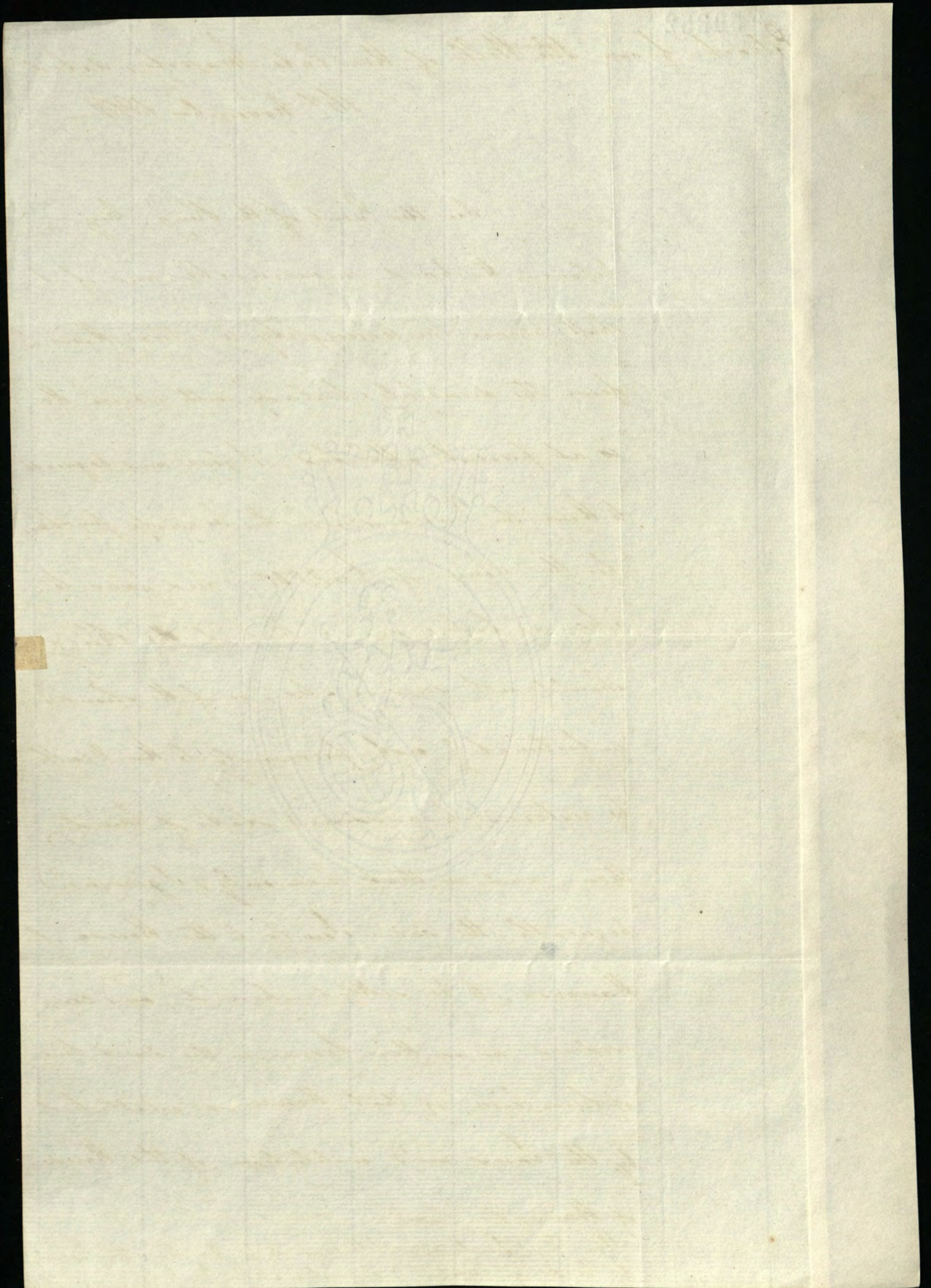
All the remaining Jewels the Ornamental Furniture, Plate
Books China & other Valuables to be divided between
Her Majesty's four younger Daughters in equal Shares
excepting a Set of Jewels & Trinkets which she has
~~found~~ ^{understood} from the verbal promise of the late
of the late Duke of Devonshire to leave to the Duke
Duchess of Devonshire & all the Clothes made &
remade which Her Majesty desired by word of mouth
also should be left to Mrs. Berkeley to make her
use of the said Services.

Her Majesty by her will named Lord Camden & Mr.
George Taylor the Executors of the Will & Trustees
for the Property left to her named Daughters
There is no funded Property whatever.

Extract from the Will of Her late Majesty, dated
16th November 1798

"In the Event of the King, my
"beloved Husband surviving me, and if it
"shall please the Almighty to relieve Him
"from the dreadful Malady with which He
"is at present afflicted; I give and bequeath,
"to Him the Jewels which His Majesty purchased,
"for the sum of £50,000, and gave to
"me as before said; But if the King
"should not survive me, or if He should
"unfortunately not, previously to His Death,
"be restored to a sound state of Mind,
"then, and in that Case only, I give and
"bequeath the said Jewels to the House of
"Hanover, to be settled upon it, and con=
"sidered as an Heirloom, in the direct Line
"of Succession of that House, as established
"by the Laws and Constitution of the House
"of Hanover."

MS These Jewels were delivered up by Her Majesty's Executors
to the King's Trustees & deposited at the Bank Jan^y 15. 1799



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Memoranda humbly submitted to The Prince Regent.

After an Interval of nearly ten Weeks
from the last Period of my seeing the Queen, Her Majesty
sent for me between 12 & one on the 9th of November.

Miss Beckford who introduced me was charged by
Her Majesty to desire I would not name Her in
any Shape to Her Majesty.

The Queen received me in Her Bed
Room and I observed a Bucket of Papers lying upon
Her Table which at once explained to me the Object
of Her Majesty's Summons, and pointed out the
necessity of rousing myself from the Shock produced
by the dreadful Change in Her Appearance. —

In order not to tire His Royal Highness

I shall confine myself to that which relates as directly
to the Will which I extract from a more copious Minute
to be produced if it should be His Royal Highness's
Pleasure to call for it.

The Queen laid her hand on the Basket,
I said "I believe these are the Papers, you know
"what I mean, my Will" - I wish you would look
"them over, put them in order and tell me what there
"is further to do: - I wish to do what is Right, you
"will know best: - I have little else than I would."

I asked Her Majesty "whether she
"meant any Alteration to be made, whether any thing
"further had occurred to Her?"

She replied "I believe not, I cannot

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"tell her, You will look them over and see what is right

"to be done"

I asked her "whether I might then
"break the seal, and read over the Draft"

She answered "Oh Yes Sir, Do so"
and she laid ~~her~~ her head forward on the Pillow
seemingly much affected by her feelings, in
which Position Her Majesty remained a considerable
time.

When she raised her head I stated
to her, briefly, the heads of the Will, and mentioned
"that since the Draft was made June 27 1817, corrected
subsequently by Her Order and written fair, Sept 5
1817/" it had been ascertained that the Lower
"House was at Her Majesty's Disposal, and how
should

"should that be introduced."

She replied "Sir, You will know best,
"You will bring it in, I wish to do what is right."

I ventured upon this to say "That
"the Principle of Her Majesty's ^{Intentions of} Instructions as formerly
"clearly explained to me by herself was to provide
"more especially for Her unmarried Daughters, and
"it might occur to Her Majesty that two distinct
"Estates were now so applicable. Was it Her Majesty's
"Pleasure that Troynore should be left to the Prince
"Augusta, and the Lower Lodge to the Prince of Wales?"

She replied "Yes Sir," I think that would be very
"right, You will put it in so."

It was in fact with considerable

difficultly that I could bring Her Attention to these
Points, and it was only by direct Questions that I could obtain
Instructions sufficiently precise to enable me to perform the
leading Duties according to the Spirit and the Principle
which Her Majesty had on the former Occasion distinctly
stated to me; namely to provide more especially for
Her unmarried Daughters and to consider more generally
the others, excepting the Queen Dowager of Scotland, who
she had, at that period, heard could want nothing.

In regard to Legacies to others of Her Family or
to Dependents she said nothing (altho' she appeared
on a former Occasion to have such in view) she named
no Individuals but Her Daughters on this and former
Occasions; she proceeded no general or Individual
Expression

Expression of her feelings; I could not propose this, nor
 venture to suggest names which did not occur to her
 Majesty, although I might have named Miss Beshardoff,
 if I had not been restricted by her positive injunction;
 that a Leinster which the Queen put to me "whether it
 was not so, that nothing could be left to a Person who
 "entrusted" led me to think that it might have referred
 to Miss Beshardoff.

The Queen after a pause entered into
 the Subject of her own State Speechings and the Conversation
 was trying & distressing, but in conclusion it was
 directed to more general points.

She afterwards said, "Will Sir John
 "will take these Papers and settle them, and I will see
 "you again, when you are ready, or send for you".

"I hope there is no hurry, I hope it is not immediate".

I replied that I should not be out of
 "the way, and at all times ready to obey Her Majesty's
 "Summons." I then requested Her Majesty's Indulgence
 "in making one Observation; namely, that, in the previous
 "Drafts the Duchess of Gloucester, being then the only
 "unmarried Daughter of the four younger Princes, had
 "not been considered in the same degree as the other
 "three as to Personals (in which I did not include Surnames
 "and the Lower Lodge) and I wished to know whether it
 "was not now Her Majesty's Intention that A. H. should
 "be placed on the same footing?"

The Queen replied "Certainly Sir, she
 "should be put in." The previous Drafts named the three

unmarried Daughters, as special Agents of Provision and
therefore if copied with the same date of this record, must
have been altered in that respect, and I felt and humbly
trust that I shall appear to have done my Duty, under
circumstances so embarrassing, in suggesting the Benefits
of one Daughter rather than the exclusion of another,
which might have been the Result of an Observation
that the Princess Elizabeth had married in the Interval,
This feeling was confirmed by a reference to the Special
Provision already sanctioned for the Two unmarried
Daughters and the consequent strict adherence to the
principle which had been previously so clearly established
by Her Majesty. — If I have erred in my view of
the Subject I must claim the Indulgence of those

those concerned and their benevolent consideration of
the Difficulties under which I was placed which were increased
by the Impoliteness of recurring for Advice to any Person.

The Queen dismissed me, saying
that she had done enough for this day and she
entreated me not to name the Subject to the Princess.

I lost no time in dressing up
the Will.

On the following day the 10th I went
to the Queen's Ante Room and Miss Bickelhoff announced
me but Her Majesty sent word that she would see me upon
another day.

On the 11th Miss Bickelhoff brought
me a Message from the Queen at 11, that Her Majesty
would see me in the course of the day, but certainly
not.

not before 1/2 past 12. At about 1/2 past one Miss Beckwith
brought me the Queen's Summons which I immediately
obeyed, conveying with me the Bill and the original
Drafts. — The Queen observed that I had brought the
Papers and I told her that I had obeyed her commands
and had prepared the Document for her signature.
Her Majesty desired me to read loud as she was a little
deaf. — I asked whether I should read the whole form or
only the material parts — She said "The whole"

I then read the Bill through with
a loud audible, slow and distinct voice, dwelling upon
the material parts, and pausing at the close of each
sentence to give time for any observations, and occasionally
saying that I hoped I had understood her Majesty's

Directions. She listened with anxious Attention, her
 Eyes fixed upon me, but with a quiet, unagitated
 manner, and only interrupted me by saying, when I
 paused "Quite right," and in Reply to my questions,
 "Yes Quite right," — and the Conviction is firm in my
 mind. That she both heard and understood very well;
 but, when I came to the Paragraph, naming Trustees
 for her two married Daughters, and I read "Elizabeth
 she said, "Mary, "Augusta and Mary"
 and Mary" I replied that the Paragraph referred to
 "the Division of Personal between Her Majesty's four
 Daughters, and had no Reference to the Disposal of
 "Troy more and the house lodge to the Princess Augusta
 and Sophia, and I explained the Nature of Trustees

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"the necessity of appointing such for married Women,
"unless the Property by will should be intended to go
"jointly to them and their Husbands." —

She said, "No Sir, that I do not mean
and she appeared to me to be satisfied with the
Explanation and to understand the Question. — When
I had finished reading the Will she said, "Sir, I am
"much obliged to you for the trouble which you have taken,
"that will do my will, but I wish you would bear it with you
"that I may read it over to myself as I cannot do more
"now." I delivered the Will to her Majesty & then begged
to send a Paper of Observations made for her Information
as to the Number of Vestresses required, the Proportion of
Trustees

Trustees and Executors, and the lists to be annexed to her Will.
 I asked Her Majesty "whether she would approve of the two
 Physicians and me being the witnesses, as it would preclude
 the necessity of admitting any others to her Presence whom
 she had not previously seen" - To this she assented.

I then asked who the Executors should be? and she
 named Lord Arden. - Who the Trustee? She answered
 "What manner there be Trustees and Executors?" I replied
 "that the Trustee was for the Security of her married
 Daughters, the Executors for the Will generally" - She
 answered "Why should not one and the same Person
 do for both - Lord Arden will do."

Being to retire, in answer to
 Her Majesty, I would not say further that two would be
 more

more desirable, especially as I knew that one is sufficient,
and that there is no objection to the same Person being
Executor and Trustee.

I proceeded to call Her Majesty's
Attention to the Lists of Requests to be annexed to the
Will, observing that as they could be Personal only, one
Witness was sufficient, if She approved I might be that
Witness. To which She appeared to me to assent.

Her Majesty said "She must endeavour to make out
" the Lists, and proceeded - "That She wished to make
" Her Sense of Mrs Berkeley's Services and to leave
" Her something and that She had been considering and
" did not know how to do it otherwise than in Articles
" of Clothing. That She had Silks and other Stuffs of

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" of various description, not made up, but that they
" had various names / some of which she uttered / but
" she could not remember them all, or put them down
" and describe the Quantity and Colours, and therefore she
" would state them generally. I suggested the term
" Articles of Wearing Apparel " — She said "Yes Sir", but
" Made and unmade; — That will do "

Throughout this Period her manner
was calm & collected, her Voice clear and distinct,
her Attention evidently given to the Subject & free from
Agitation, far less nervous than on the 9th.

After some Conversation about herself
she dismissed me, thanking me for what I had done
and saying that she would look it over. —

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I left Her Majesty, perfectly satisfied with the mildness
and Composure of Her Manner, previously delivering
to Her the original Drafts of the Will.

The Physicians reported that the Queen
had continued placid and composed throughout the day
and Mrs Bichardoff confirmed this from her own Observations.

Nov 12. - The Queen sent for me at 20 Min before 12 and
I met Mrs Bichardoff - who told me that Her Majesty
had intended to see me but that she did not feel quite
so well as yesterday and therefore feared that she
would not be able to get thro' what was to be done as
she wished but that she would send for me, when more
equal to it. - The Queen told for Henry Hallford that

She had seen me yesterday.

Nov 13. I did not see the Queen but she told Sir Henry Balfour that she had done some Business, reading Papers & was writing and that she was glad of it. Her mind appeared composed.

Nov 14. This Day I received a message from the Queen between 12 & 1 thro' Mrs Beckwith - That Her Majesty hoped I would not be offended at her not seeing me, but that she felt low and uncomfortable and must therefore still put me off. Mrs Beckwith confirmed Her Majesty's own Report of her State (as the Physicians had previously done) and she told me that yesterday Her Majesty had been much

those I had left with her) engaged with her Papers, that they had been some sealed up and enclosed, that they lay before her for a considerable time, and that her Majesty had written some Memoranda in Council upon a separate Sheet of Papers but had ceased from being fatigued, that this separate Sheet had been sealed up with the other Papers.

November 15. I was not sent for this day, but as having occurred to me that various Difficulties about Papers &c. might be obviated by my being named one of the Executors, I availed myself of an opportunity which the Bernese Agents' Visit ^{to New} afforded to me of ascertaining his Sentiments on this point in a general conversation in which, as on former occasions, his Royal

Royal Highness scrupulously abstained from asking me any questions and I wrote in consequence a letter to the Queen of which the following is a copy.

"Mr. Great Justice, takes the Liberty of
 submitting to your Majesty most humbly, that since he
 had the Honor of waiting upon you, it has occurred to him,
 that, from the Complacency which your Majesty has been graciously
 pleased to repose in him and the Knowledge of your
 Affairs to which your Majesty has condescended to admit
 him, it might be satisfactory to you to name him one
 of the Executors jointly with Lord Arden whose name
 your Majesty has already been pleased to approve.
 If such should be your Majesty's Pleasure, there is no
 legal Objection to it, on the Score of his being also a

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"a witness, and he has ventured to submit this, that

"Your Majesty may consider of the matter, previously to

"Your honoring him with Your Commands to wait,

"upon You again.

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November 16.

Mr Francis Melman gave my letter to Mrs
Beckedorff to be delivered to the Queen at the breakfast
hour, and she told me this morning that she had done so, that
the Queen had read it and had charged her to tell me
"that the Contents had afforded her very great Satisfaction and
that she felt obliged to die for it, but that she was so weak
this morning (which Mrs Beckedorff might confirm) that she
feared she would not be able to see me. - Mrs Beckedorff added
"The Queen seemed quite pleased with your letter, and she opened
her Basket, added the Letter to the other Papers & sealed it up again.

Mrs Becherdoff went to London this day by the Queen's orders, in consequence of the Abbery which had been committed at the Queen's House. Sir Francis Malmson and Sir Henry Hallford both saw the Queen several times in the course of the day, and both considered her in a low & oppressed state, and appeared anxious that she should not delay signing the Papers.

Sir Henry Hallford who was going to Windsor, between 5 & 6 returned to the Queen at half past three, determined to watch himself of any opening to press the Completion of her Majesty's Business, but he returned some time after to me & said that she appeared very much oppressed and incapable of any positive Execution, and that he had forbore to press her with Questions. — At about 10 o'clock, near 5 Mrs Becherdoff came to the Physicians who were sitting with me in the Library & told them that, having just been with the Queen, on her Return from London

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She had found Her Majesty in a state which alarmed her,
seemingly struggling for breath, under violent Respiration
and hardly capable of answering a question, apparently quite
exhausted. Sir H. Hallford & Sir J. Milneran went up
immediately & very soon after they came down & told me that
they wished to speak very seriously to me, that the Queen's
Life was in danger, the Crisis appeared to be approaching,
and if any Act were to be done, there was no time to lose,
that aware as they were of the Shock which such a Disclosure
would give to the Queen's frame & to Her feelings they
must ask me whether the Act to be executed or completed
was of such Importance as to justify their urging the
Queen to it, at this moment. If so they should not
hesitate further and Sir Henry Hallford would undertake
the Task. — That, by this Appeal to me, they meant, not
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to throw any Responsibility off themselves, as the fact would
 be their own, but that it was necessary that they should have
 my Opinion as to the Importance of the Deal to be completed,
 before they could run any Risk. I answered at once that I considered
 the Completion as of the utmost Importance to the
 Queen's Character and to the Credit of her Name, and
 in its Consequences as obviating Difficulties & Embarrassments
 innumerable and which must be increased by what the Queen
 had already done, which might possibly leave the Question
 in Doubt & Uncertainty and open it to legal discussion.

That all was so far prepared that Her Majesty's Signature
 the next morning and the following in the Name of Executors,
 whom Her Majesty had already approved, & the date
 only was required. —

Upon this Sir Henry Kalfred said
 that he would immediately return to the Queen & speak.

to her, and he desired me not to be out of the way. — In 5 Minutes
after Miss Bechendorf came for me by her Desire, and as we
went up to the Queen's Room, she told me that the Queen was
very ill, in a most distressing State, and she really did not
think her capable of the Exertion required of her. I asked her
whether she meant that her Mind was not sufficiently
Collected, and she replied, not that, but that her Frame
was too weak. — When I came to the Door Miss
Bechendorf told me that Sir H. Hallford had told the
Queen she was in immediate Danger. — I found her
sitting at the Table, her head reclined & Sir H. Henry
Hallford on his knees, by her left Side, holding her hand
and feeling her Pulse with a most anxious Expression of Concernance
She soon looked ^{up} and seeing me, gave me her hand with
a most affectionate look and a painful Smile, and pressing
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my hand, continued to hold it in Her's and soon released Her head.
 The perspiration was running down Her face, Her Eyes were moist,
 She breathed quick and appeared under great suffering. I could not
 speak for some time, but Sir H. Balford asked Her Majesty
 whether She had not some Directions to give me, and, being seized
 by His looks, I asked Her whether She would sign the Will.
 She did not hear me / being very deaf on the right side / and
 asked Sir Henry Balford what I said. Sir Francis Malmesbury
 came in & held ^{to feel Her Pulse} Her right hand while I got the Will, which
 was in a sealed Packet which Mess Beshedoff took out
 of a Case, in which She had locked it up by the Queen's
 Order, and while I opened the Packet & took out the Will,
 which after being signed sealed and witnessed and the
 names of the Trustees & Executors & the date written in
 was again sealed up in the same Packet.

From what passed further and so on

an Opinion as to Her Majesty's State of Mind on this
important Occasion I must humbly beg to refer Her Royal
Highness to Sir Henry Kelford and Sir Francis Melman
who were present, and who witnessed the Signature.

Previously to their quitting the Queen's
Room, a little before six, Sir H. Kelford, who sitting
by Her Majesty, desired me (in Latin) to write to the
Prince Regent and request his immediate Attendance
the Princess
I then apprized, who had remained ignorant, of
the Queen's State and Sir Henry Kelford wrote to the
Prince of Wales at Windsor. — The Prince Regent
came to New as soon as he could, bringing the Duke
of York with him, and Her Majesty being reported more
easy, Their R. Highness returned to London towards Monday ^{the 11th} ~~the 12th~~

Mr. Gen. H. Taylor to Lord Liverpool

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New Palace - November 19th 1818

My Dear Lord

I have been honored with The Prince Regent's Commands in consequence of the melancholy Event which His Royal Highness so deeply laments & deplors, to transmit to your Lordship the accompanying Copy of the late Queen's Establishment, which includes Salaries & Pensions of every Description paid at Her Majesty's Treasury & by Mr. Beckedoff, in London at Windsor & at Frogmore, to which His Royal Highness has ordered me to add an Abstract Memorandum.

His Royal Highness's Object in directing this Communication, is to call your Lordship's Attention to the Situation of The Queen's old & faithful Servants and to the Propriety and Necessity of making such a Provision for them as shall reward them for their Fidelity and Attachment, and as is due to the Respect & Veneration in which should be held the
The Right Hon^{ble}

The Earl of Liverpool H. G.

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Memory of a Queen whose exemplary Virtues have
honoured the Throne of these Realms during a Devise
of 57 Years.

Aware as His Royal Highness is of the Clamour
which has been raised for Economy & Reduction, He
trusts that it will not be suffered to prevail so far
on this Occasion, as to cause a Departure from the
Precedents established on the Devise of the late Queen
Caroline, and the late Princess Dowager of Wales,
and thus to deprive many Individuals of the means
of future Existence, who, from Age & Infirmary, habits
acquired during protracted Service, and Unfitness
or the want of Opportunity for engaging in new Courses
of Life, cannot look forward to fresh Sources of Support.
— Many of them indeed from advanced Age would
probably not long continue Burthens on the Public,
and the Provision to be made for the whole, would
annually decrease.

His Royal Highness orders me to call Your
Lordship's Attention more particularly to the
situations

M. Gen. N. Taylor to Lord Liverpool

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Situations of those in inferior Stations, & to acquaint
your Lordship that previously to His quitting this
melancholy Abode on the 17th, and while under the
Pressure of Feelings excited by the Death of a beloved
Parent, and the Knowledge of Her last Will, His
Royal Highness ordered me to assemble such of
The Queen's Servants as are at New, and to convey
to them the Assurance of His Gratitude for their
Attachment & Devotion to Her late Majesty, and to say
to them, that He should consider it His Duty, as it
was His Inclination, to provide for them. — This
Pledge given at such a Moment by The Prince Regent
His Royal Highness trusts that the Justice & the
Liberality of the Country will enable Him to redeem
and that He shall not have Occasion to call for an
Adherence to Precedents towards preventing The
Queen's Old Servants from meeting the Public Eye
under the Pressure of Poverty & Distress, and from
becoming such Objects of Notice as would suggest
Reflections incompatible with the Dignity of The
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Royal Family, and with the Preservation of the Respect
and affection which belongs to Them.

His Royal Highness orders me to observe that
although many of the Individuals named in the
enclosed Lists, are not placed in the regular Establish-
ment, He knows that they are in general Objects
calling more especially for Consideration.

His Royal Highness also thinks it necessary
to point out the inferior Salary on which M^{rs}
Beckeloff and her Daughter were placed, and to see
that sensible as He is, from personal Observation
during many Years, of the arduous Nature and the
Merit of their Services, of their indefatigable Zeal and
Attention, and of their strict Fidelity & conscientious
Discretion, He must consider Them as Objects of special
Consideration, and as claiming a Provision far beyond
that which the mere Continuance of their Salaries
would afford; - And His Royal Highness desires that
this Observation may be considered as applying
equally to the Cases of M^{rs} Thielcke, Miss Rice, and

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Miss Napwell. — Miss Köchler & M^{rs} Rowland
altho' called M^{rs} Beckedorff's Maids, were in fact the
Queen's Servants, and their Salaries as a Provision
wholly inadequate.

His Royal Highness's Interference has
become the more indispensable, from the circum-
stance of no Provision being made in the Queen's
will for any of the Servants / excepting a Request
of Clothes to M^{rs} Beckedorff / owing probably to Her
Majesty's knowing that there were no Funds in Her
Treasury which could be so applied, and to Her confi-
dent Expectation that former Precedents would not
be departed from in the Instance.

The Prince has honoured me with His further
Commands to express His Hope that the full Allow-
ance to the 5th January 1819, of £ 17,000. — will be
issued from the Exchequer to Her late Majesty's
Treasury, for Her Establishment & other Charges, both
with a View to the Support of Her Majesty's Servants
during the short Interval between the Funeral, and

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the close of the Quarter, and to meet in some Degree those Charges which have been entailed by Her long Illness; the Remuneration to medical Attendants alone, amounting to the Sum of £9,000.--, while there is a Debt to Lord Aylesbury of £5,000.--

Your Lordship will observe in the Abstract of the Establishment &c.-- that The Queen paid each of the Princesses £1,000.-- p^a Annum, & the Prince Regent most particularly orders me to say that The Princesses received this Allowance from Her Majesty long before Their Public Income was settled & that the Allowance was made to Them by The King's Arrangement, from what was called the Mussey Money, His Majesty having declared, when They first received it, that if it were not made, He must require the whole of the Mussey Money to be returned to the Public. — This Allowance of £1,000.-- was therefore established by His Majesty as the original Income of The Princesses. — His Royal Highness considers it such

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and it was acknowledged when the subsequent
additions were made of £4,000. at the end of
1804, and of £9,000. at the period of the Household
Act, and He must take it for granted that no doubt
can be supposed to exist as to its continuance.

I have &c.

/signed/
H. Taylor

Copy of a letter from
M. Gen. Taylor, to the
Earl of Liverpool.

19th November 1818

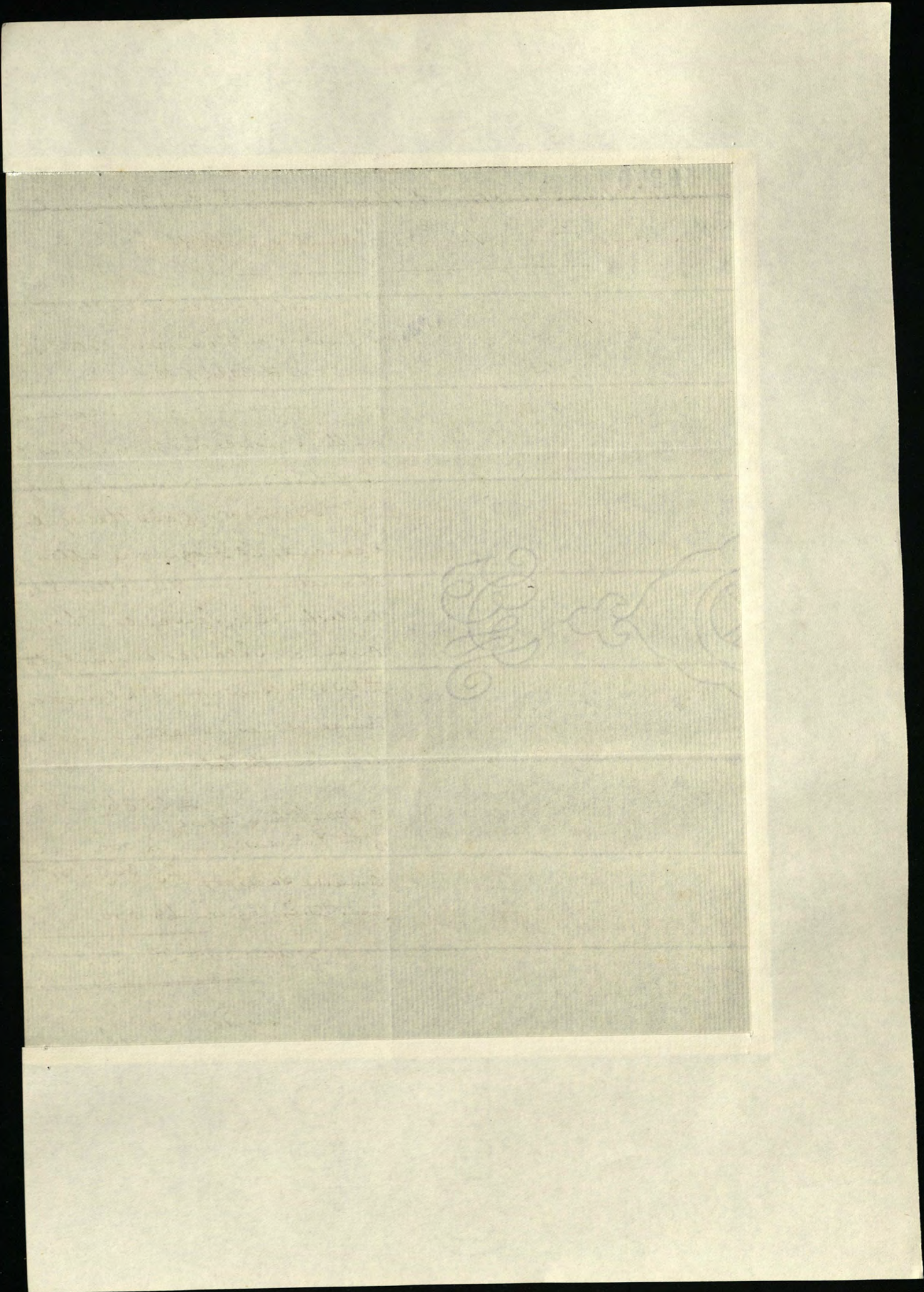
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Memorandum relative to The Queen's Establishment
Pensions &c. — 19th November 1818.

The Total of Salaries & established
Pensions on The Queen's Establish-
ment is £ 20,667. 16. 8. and includ-
ing Salaries, Pensions & Allowances
on the Private Lists of Mess^{rs}
Mathias and Rowland, & of
M^{rs} Beckedorff, and the regular
Sewants at Frogmore, after
deducting from the latter Es-
tablishment, Sewants whose
Annual Salaries amount to
£ 605. 8. in whom the Princess
Augusta will retain in Her
Service, the total Amount is

	£ 25,369. 16. 8
£ 1,000. — p ^r Ann: to each of the Princesses. —	4,000. — —
Annual Receipts	29,369. 15. 8
from the Exchequer	68,000. — —
	Difference £ 38,630. 4. 4

/signed/ H. Taylor



Lord Liverpool to M. Gen H. Taylor

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Private

Pipe House

Nov: 21. 1818

My Dear Sir

I have this moment received your Letter of yesterday, with the enclosed Statement of The Queen's Establishment.

I am confident The Prince Regent, & all the Royal Family will give me Credit for wishing to act upon the present Occasion towards the Servants of Her late Majesty, with as great Liberality as the Nature of the case and the Circumstances of the Country will permit.

No final and definitive Arrangement can be made respecting Her late Majesty's Servants till the Meeting of Parliament, and

M. General Taylor

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without its Authority. — But I lost no time in giving Directions that all Salaries & Wages might be continued upon their present footing until the 5th of January next.

I desired Colonel Stephenson to inform you that I would meet Him & you at New on Monday next at Twelve o'clock, in order that we might have a full Conversation upon the Subject of the Windsor Establishment, as well as upon all other Matters which arise out of the lamented Decease of Her Majesty.

I have felt a full & free Conversation of this Nature to be indispensibly necessary in the first Instance for the purpose of enabling me to draw out a Plan upon all the Points abovementioned, for the Consideration of the Prince Regent & of His Government,

Lord Liverpool to M. Gen H. Taylor

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and I have apprised His Royal Highness
of the intended meeting, which He was
pleased to say He most entirely approved.

Believe me &c.

/signed/
Liverpool.

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Copy of a letter from
the Earl of Stirlinghouse
to Mr. Gen. Douglas.
21st Nov: 1799

Mr. Gen. H. Taylor to H.R.H.

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23 Nov 1818

Mr. Gen. Taylor has the honor to enclose a
memoir which he had put into his pocket to submit to
the Prince Regent if His Royal Highness had come to Leam
this afternoon. Lord Liverpool came about 12 & staid
about 1 1/2 hours with Col. Stephenson & Mr. Gen. Taylor.
He detailed his proposed arrangements & the difficulties
under which he laboured & those which he might
encounter in carrying the Establishment at Windsor
over to the extent proposed in the enclosed paper.
He stated that the King's Briny Bore must be made
the foundation of it. Mr. Gen. J. M. Stephenson
urged all they were directed to say. Lord Liverpool
replied that he admitted that the £70,000 were

by Act of Parliament applied for the King's Own Cause &
 established as his private Property but that it could be argued
 that this Dominion was subject to the Maintenance of
 the King & of his Establishment, & therefore could be argued
 to be so applied as far as it would go, the Object would
 therefore be to relieve it from every Charge which could
 be placed upon any other fund & to augment the surplus
 so as to apply it to the Support of the several Establishments
 He admitted the actual Surplus as stated by Mr. Good
 Taylor at £11000 & if the several Expenses were reduced
 as proposed - — 15000 more could be obtained the rest must
 be got by further Reductions & by the Transfer of
 Benefices &c. — In Reply to what was argued by
 Mr. Geo. T. Hill Stephens. Last Liverpool

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Mr Gen. H. Taylor to H.R.H.

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stated that he should submit what was in his Duty
 to do to the Brno Regent in the necessity & propriety
 of the arrangements, & that Mr J. B. Plummer, that when
 he expressed from them was very Information which
 they could give him & very fairly towards carrying it into
 effect. — He expressed very feelingly his anxiety to mind
 the wishes of the Royal Family & more especially the
 Brno Regent's but observed that if he attempted too
 much he should be beaten altogether and that this
 great anxiety was to secure the continued Residence of
 the Brno Regent in the Castle upon a comfortable &
 comfortable footing, and that he was persuaded that
 this could not be done if he attempted a more extensive
 scale or be founded on any other Brno Regent than
 that proposed. — He gave very in the present of the

second Fall & the keeping the ho of horses absolutely
necessary. — Mr. Genl Taylor urged strongly the claims of
Col. Stephenson to be continued on the Establishment, but
the latter himself demonstrated injudicious, his being
included in so reduced an Establishment.

Finally Colonel Stephenson was desired to draw up
an arrangement & Estimate on that scale & Mr. Genl
Taylor was desired to furnish the details, which
would facilitate its execution on the principles of
drawing the means from the Army Budget.

Mr. Genl Taylor
Nov 23 1791

He begs humbly to apologise for this
rusty sketch which he will leave the honor to
explain more fully verbally.

Done Nov 23. 1791
G. P. M.

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Instructions for Mr. Nicol

All the Books in the late Queen's Library which have any of Her Majesty's Writing or Annotations upon them, or are otherwise particularly distinguished as Objects of Her Majesty's Attention are to be reserved, and a special list made of them, that The Princesses may have the Option of selecting for Themselves such as They may wish to keep.

The remaining Books of this description to be purchased, if approved by The Prince Regent, for The King's Library, at a reasonable Valuation; this applies to all the Illustrated Works in which there is any of Her Majesty's Writing,

Approved

observing however that the Grainers, & any other
expensive Collections, which by the Erasure of a
few words, may be left for general Sale.

The Remainder of the Books of every description
to be catalogued for Sale, and the Price affixed
to each Article, that the Princes may previously
to the Sale, select such Works as they may wish
to keep, to which their Initials would be affixed,
in Order that Mr. Nicol may apportion the
reserved Value to each. —

The Remainder of the Books & Prints to be
disposed of to the best Advantage, but not
by Auction, as being the late Queen's Books; —
this includes the whole of the Botanical Collection,
which had perhaps better be sold as a Collection,

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The Books after the Reserve above
mentioned have been made, will be progressively
removed to London.

Mr. Nicol has since been entrusted to get a small
number of Catalogues copied with the Prices for the
use of His Royal Highness and others who
may wish to purchase here. - The German Books
which are very numerous to form a distinct Catalogue

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Mr H. Taylor
Instructions for
Mr Scott
20th Decr 1878