

Lord King's intention  
not to take Bank  
Notes of his Tenants  
at par.

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Mr Perceval presents his humble  
duties to your Royal Highness, and requests  
to acquaint your Royal Highness, that  
he apprehends it will be necessary for  
Parliament to continue sitting some  
time longer than Tuesday next, owing  
to what is expected in the House of Lords  
concerning the present bill  
which Lord King has just given  
notice about a week ago, to His  
Royal Highness  
The Duke of Devon

Tenants, that he would not receive his  
Rent in Bank Notes, but must either  
have Gold, or more Bank notes to  
make up what he considers as the difference  
between the value of the Bank Paper and  
the Gold. His Tenants are much  
alarmed at this proceeding, feeling it  
to be impossible to procure the Gold, and  
that on Friday last, brought a  
Bill into the House of Lords, with a  
view to prevent the mischievous effect  
as he conceived it, of such a proceeding  
as Landlords. — Lord Liverpool

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met or by saying, that if he thought it  
likely the example of Lord King should  
be followed, it would be very necessary to  
apply some legislative remedy, but that he  
did not think a solitary instance of one  
Individual's so acting created any such  
precedent, and he did not think it at  
all likely, that his example would be  
followed, or that any number of persons  
would be found to countenance it. That  
the Bill was ordered to be read a second  
time yesterday, and Lord Liverpool  
gave notice, that, if nothing should  
happen to alter his view of the subject

He would move to put the Bill off for six weeks,  
that is to get rid of it altogether  
Yesterday Lord Stothard, on bringing forward  
his motion, mentioned some few other cases  
perhaps not sufficiently numerous, to have  
made it necessary to have altered the line  
of conduct intended to have been pursued:  
viz Lord Grenville, Lord Sandford, & Lord Hobart  
by their speeches, Lord Grey, Lord Sandown and  
others by their presence & their votes supported  
Lord King; those who spoke, arguing that  
he had done nothing but what was perfectly  
right, and, without indeed saying that  
they would do the same thing, gave every  
countenance to the principles on which he