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Private & Most Confidential.

Memorandum

To first ascertain whether
the acceptance of such
office does, or does not,
vacate a seat in Parliament.

To put such resolution (if it
does) to the advantage of
arranging ~~the~~ guarding against
another, by whatever arrangement
may be made hereafter for me
as "~~Chief~~ Private Secretary to
the Prince Regent."

When the Regency first
took place in Feb^r 1811. H.R.
As Regent the salary of his
Private Secretary, would be
precisely the same as the King's
namely £2000 a year.

January 21st 1811

Memorandum

To Move the Writ for
Heldborough in the Co. of
Suffolk in the room of John
McMahon, who since his
election hath accepted the
Place or Office, of "Receiver
& Pay Master of the Royal
Bounty of Widows' Pensions"
so soon after the Meeting of
Parliament as may bring on
the Election Wednesday the
15th of January next

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Soon after this, Mr Perceval
sent for me & with great
kindness in a very satisfactory
manner, stated the objections
to this arrangement, & more
especially as considering the
King's Illness would be of
a very short duration
probability. In this
view I not only acquiesced but
stated that I would not vacate
my Seat in Parliament (were
such a step necessary) for
the appointment, but rather
continue to do the Duke's
duties gratuitously. Mr Perceval
then

A Prospectus of a Secretariat
Department, was in the
Month of ~~November~~ ¹⁸¹¹ February
either laid before a committee
upon with Mr Perceval by
Col. Gordon with the authority
of the PR.

reminded, that if His Majesty's
Illness should unhappily be
prolonged, and the Regency
grow into any length of
time, then certainly I ought
to have a salary, & it would
then become necessary to see
in what way it should be
done.

To the Prince Regent
would not burthen the country
with any charge for the
sovereign duties I must conclude
that I could only be paid for
the last year out of H.R.H.'s
own private funds, & therefore
I wish for no remuneration for
that period, only to be placed
on a deponent footing for the
future as a Public Servant.

On the 5th of February next,
I shall have served one year
as "Chief Private Secretary"
to the Prince Regent.

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Percival 2 Aug 1872

R. H. H. H.
J. W. H. H. H.