

My dearest Brother

As the restrictions on the Exercise of The Royal Authority will shortly expire, when I must make my Arrangements for the future Administration of the Powers with which I am invested, I think it right to Communicate to you those Sentiments which I was withheld from expressing at an earlier Period of the Session, by my earnest desire that the expected Motion on the Affairs of Ireland, might undergo the deliberate discussion of Parliament, unmix'd with any other Consideration.

I think it hardly necessary to call your recollection to the recent circumstances under which I assumed the

Authority

Authority delegated to me by Parliament.  
 At a moment of unexampled difficulty  
 and danger, I was called upon to make  
 a selection of Persons to whom I should  
 entrust the Functions of executive  
 Government. My sense of Duty  
 to Our Royal Father, solely decided  
 that choice, and every private feeling  
 gave way, to considerations which  
 admitted of no doubt or hesitation:

I trust I acted in that respect as the  
 Genuine Representative of The August  
 Person whose Functions I was appointed  
 to discharge; and I have the satisfaction  
 of knowing, that such was the Opinion of  
 Persons for whose Judgement and honorable  
 Principles, I entertain the highest respect.

In various instances, as you will  
 know, where the Law of the last Session  
 left

left me at full Liberty, I have  
 waived my personal gratification in  
 order that His Majesty might resume  
 on His restoration to Health, every  
 Power and Prerogative belonging to  
 His Crown. I certainly am the  
 last Person in the Kingdom to whom  
 it can be permitted to despair of Our  
 Royal Father's Recovery.

A new Era is now arrived, and  
 I cannot but reflect with satisfaction  
 on the Events which have distinguished  
 the short Period of my restricted Regency.  
 Instead of suffering in the loss of any  
 of Her Possessions, by the gigantic  
 Force which has been employed against  
 them, Great Britain has added most  
 important Acquisitions to Her Empire:  
 The National Faith has been preserved  
 inviolate

inviolable towards Our Allies; and if  
Character is Strength, as applied to a  
Nation, the increased, and encruising  
Reputation of His Majesty's Arms will  
shew to the Nations of the Continent  
how much they may still achieve,  
when animated by a glorious Spirit  
of Resistance to a Foreign Yoke. In  
the critical situation of the War in  
the Peninsula, I shall be most anxious  
to avoid every Measure which can lead  
my Allies to suppose that I mean to  
depart from the present System.

Perseverance alone can achieve the  
great object in Question; and I  
cannot withhold my Approbation from  
those who have honorably distinguished  
themselves in support of it. I have  
no Predilections to indulge, no Resentments

to

to gratify, no Objects to attain, but such as are common to the whole Empire.

If such is the leading Principle of my Conduct, and I can appeal to the past as Evidence of what the future will be, I flatter myself I shall meet with the support of Parliament, and of a candid and enlightened Nation.

Having made this Communication of my Sentiments, in this new and extraordinary crisis of Our Affairs, I cannot conclude without expressing the gratification I should feel, if some of those Persons with whom the early habits of my Public life were formed, would strengthen my hands, and constitute a part of my Government.

With such support, and aided by a vigorous and united Administration,

formed

formed on the most liberal basis; I shall look with Confidence to a prosperous issue of the most arduous Contest, in which Great Britain was ever engaged.

You are authorized to communicate these Sentiments to Lord Grey, who I have no doubt will make them known to Lord Grenville.

I am always &c  
(Signed) George J. R.

Carlton House  
13 Feb. 1812 }

P.S. I shall send a Copy of this Letter immediately to Mr. Percival.

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The Prince Regent  
to

The Duke of York

13<sup>th</sup> July 1812

On the separation  
of the Regency  
Restrictions,