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Memorandum of what
passed at an Interview
between Lord Grey, Lord
Grenville and myself on
Friday the 14th of February 1812.

Memorandum of
Conversation between
The Duke of York
Lords Grey & Grenville
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After the first compliments
were over, I addressed myself to
Lord Grenville and told him
that though I supposed that Lord
Grey had informed His Lordship of
the reason which had induced
The Prince Regent to direct me
to communicate His Letter to me
to Lord Grey, instead of to His
Lordship and Lord Grey conjointly;
yet I begged leave to repeat it
to him myself, and which arose
not from any disinclination
or want of confidence in His
Lordship, but from a delicacy on
the part of my Brother to me,
who, knowing that I was more

in the habits of intimacy and communication with Lord Grey than with His Lordship, had thought that it would be more pleasant to me to communicate with Lord Grey alone in the first instance - a proof of which His Lordship would find by the last paragraph of the letter, in which The Prince expressed his conviction that Lord Grey would communicate the contents of it to him; and that if any further corroboration was wanting to prove that there was no want of confidence on the part of The Prince to His Lordship, or any wish to exclude him, it was to be found in the readiness with which I had offered, in the first instance, to accompany Lord

Lord Grey to His Lordship, in order to communicate The Prince's letter to him myself; and afterward, upon remarking Lord Grey's hesitation, when I wished to read the letter to him, my taking upon myself to postpone the communication to him till it could be made conjointly with His Lordship.

I then turned to both Their Lordships and said, that, before I communicated the letter, I begged to explain further to them the reason that had induced me to call upon Lord Grey the evening before at half past three o'clock, an hour at which there was little probability of finding His Lordship at home, which was that The Prince had only delivered to me his letter at a quarter before

Thru block, and as he mentioned
 in it his intention of sending a
 copy of it to Mr Percival, I had
 thought it my duty to ride up to
 Lord Grey's without loss of time, in
 order to endeavour to communicate
 it to him personally before it
 was possible for the copy to
 reach Mr Percival. -

Having finished reading the
 letter, I gave the paper to Lord
 Grenville, expressing at the same
 time the Prince's sincere wish,
 and my anxious desire, for
 the success of the negotiation, to
 which Lord Grenville answered,
 that as it was a paper of that
 consequence that it required a
 certain time for consideration
 before it was answered, he
 thought it would be more
 advisable not to enter at all
 upon

upon it at that moment, and
hoped that The Prince did not
require an immediate answer,
to which I assented, and begged
that Their Lordships would take their
own time - They then proposed the
next day (Saturday) and desired
me to fix the hour, which I de-
-clined, saying that I should
make their time mine, when
they appointed one o'clock, to
which I agreed, and added, that
if there was any part of the
Paper which they might think
required Explanation, I should
be happy to give it to them, or if
they wished to make any com-
-munication to The Prince, I
should be equally ready to
lay it before him; and if they
should prefer a personal inter-
-view with him, that I was sure

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that he would be perfectly ready
at any time to see them.

