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May it please Your Royal Highness.

There may be peculiar exigencies of the state when the most obscure individuals can with propriety address his Prince: And, Political delicacy may require that none shall know of it but that Prince and his Premier, in this case, Mr. Perceval, to whom I transmit a confidential copy.

Sir, I presume to address you: I was an observer of public matters even in the Rockingham Administration: I witnessed the American and French revolutions - the evacuation of Portugal, and I have remarked nearly all the European schemes of Government. I am not ignorant Sir, of the whole difficulty and dilemma attending the resumption of Your R. Highnesses full powers. Mr. Perceval knows it - I obtruded a letter to him on the 19th Instant.

My heart bodes a thousand evils - I cannot rest - I must give relief to it - I must discharge the greatest devoir of a subject. Your R. Highnesses designs will be overwhelmed with
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disappointments, talents, ambition, and enlightened knowledge of
ex-ministers - the press - and the distressed community! -

This, cannot be averted, and the essential junction of the parties
obtained, but by Your R. H. speedily going to the Parliament
(the public papers must precede the event - and an unbounded
eclat must attend it) - and recommend 1st - the necessity of
removing all religious restrictions to civil situations, or taking
into consideration that specific part of the Coronation Oath;
this, in parvieu -

2nd - a recommendation, either to consider the necessity of a
Peace, or if impracticable, yet, it must be essayed, that the
distressed national industry may find relief by exhibiting to it
the whole southern Hemisphere without reservation; or, by
reconciliation with America, whichever of the three can be
operative within three months, for, under all circumstances, I
tremble to say, I do not think the integral tranquility of the
Empire can be longer preserved.

Such measures as these, may I entreat Your R. Highness?
will instantly present Your R. H. as the most popular and

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patriotic Prince which this nation ever beheld. The hypocritical
or wavering statesmen will speedily surround your presence:
The foreign foe, will be conformed - The domestic one will,
as under the influence of magnanimous Princely actions in
all ages, be diverted from probing into, and satirizing the frailties
of human nature, tho in the garb of Royalty. For the most
renowned of our ancestors have only not had such frailties
emblazoned because that, the liberal historian was justly
arrested by the trumpet which proclaimed magnanimous and
virtuous public actions.

These times and the state of Europe, imperiously demand
such as have been transmitted for our emulation and example.

This letter, Your R. H. may be assured, is painful to me;
and with my adversities, almost breaks my heart! A day
will come, when men of Foreign experience, joined with independ-
dent minds will be wanting, - but they will rarely be found.

I have the honor to be Your R. Highness's faithful
and Obed. Servt.
Ordnance Coffee House
Westm. bridge. 24 Feb 1812. L. Ferrand Waddington.

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