

S. Percival to H. R. A. -

Mar. 23 1812

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Mr Percival presents his humble duty to  
your Royal Highness. He is just returned from  
the House of Commons, & proceeds immediately  
to acquaint your Royal Highness that he brought  
before the House, the Consideration of the Summation  
to be made for Messrs R. Highways the Drums. -  
- Mr Creech opposed the Speaker's leaving the Chair,  
and proposed to postpone the Consideration of the  
Summation for a Month - not objecting to some  
liberal provision being made for Messrs R. Highways  
but thinking it necessary to have a previous Enquiry  
into the State of the Consolidated Fund, before  
that additional Charge was brought upon it.  
The House however resolved itself into the  
Committee, and the vote for good <sup>1</sup>peacem<sup>ts</sup>  
for each of Messrs R. Highways was proposed. It  
was opposed on various grounds by Mr Fenwick

A. R. Highways  
The Queen's Counsel

Mr Denison, Mr Bennett, Mr Whilbread Mr  
Wilmot Wynn - Mr Wrothley Mr H. Thomas - It was  
supported by Mr Bouverie Mr Fremantle, and  
Col. Ellison - The objection in general was not  
to the grant over amount, but <sup>to the time</sup> - Some  
thought there should be a previous Enquiry into  
the state of the Civil debt, that it might be seen  
whether such a reform might not be effected in  
the Civil debt, as would produce a saving equal  
to the amount of the grant required - Mr  
Denison thought the grant not too large  
but saw no reason for accelerating the period  
at which the provision should take place, conceiving  
that it would be right to leave ~~that~~ <sup>it</sup> as under  
the former act to take effect at the demise  
of the Crown - Notice was taken by some of  
the speakers of the situation of the Pr. Highways  
the Drums of Wales - Mr Bouverie thought it  
right to explain what had been done by Genl  
R. Highways in the arrangement for the debt,  
and the increase of the Income - Mr Bouverie

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was called upon particularly today, why he did not  
either bring forward a Charge against Her R. Highness  
or propose an adequate provision for Her - It was  
suggested that he must either in his Character of Counsel  
to the Prince or as Minister to Her Royal Highness  
be enabled to state the grounds of the Separation - Mr  
Percival was said to the same effect - Mr Percival  
said that he did not conceive it to be his duty in  
any Character to say anything upon a subject,  
where however much it might be to the Commodity,  
or appear to him <sup>connected</sup> with any propriety, <sup>be discussed</sup>  
in Her House - ~~but~~ that as to bringing any Charge  
against Her Royal Highness, he certainly had not  
any to bring forward - With respect to voting  
any measure to Her R. Highness's Establishment,  
he had received no command for that purpose,  
but if he could collect that it was the sense of  
the House that some additional provision should  
be made for Her R. Highness, he had no doubt he  
should receive authority for it - This conversation  
lasted for some time, but the resolution was

agreed to what a decision and it will be repealed  
tomorrow - Mr Perceval does not doubt that  
the Bill to carry the resolutions into effect  
will pass tho' probably not without some more  
discussion yet without any difficulty -

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Mr Perceval

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