

Lord Chancellor

Eldon

upon the State  
of the Government

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The Chancellor, understanding himself to be authorised by the Prince Regent, to learn the Sentiments of the Cabinet, whether they would consider it to be their Duty, if called upon by his Royal Highness, to carry on the Administration of the Government ~~at the present time~~ under any Member of the present Cabinet, whom His Royal Highness might think proper to select as the Head of it, requests that the Cabinet will be pleased to express their Sentiments upon this ~~particular~~ point, that he may be enabled to lay them before his Royal Highness.

In answer to this The Cabinet expressed that they would feel it to be their Duty, if called upon by The Prince Regent, to carry on the Administration of the Government under

any Member of the present Cabinet,  
whom His Royal Highness might  
think proper to select, as the Head  
of it. They consider it to be at the  
same Time incumbent upon them  
most humbly to submit to His Royal  
Highness that, under all the present  
Circumstances of the Country, the  
Result of their Endeavours to carry  
on the Government must be ~~very~~  
very doubtful. It does not, however,  
appear to them to be hopeless, if  
the Administration is known to  
possess the entire Confidence of  
The Prince Regent.

12. Clock Night of the 13<sup>th</sup> May.  
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