

Ld. Melville to Geo. Canning
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York Lane
29th May 1812

Dear Canning

You will probably have received to night
from Lord Liverpool the answer to the
proposal which you left with him and
communicated to me this afternoon.

Having stated to you my strong repugnance,
or rather my decided objection under present
circumstances, to join an Administration
of which Lord Wellesley was to be the Head,
it might be sufficient for me to refer to
Lord Liverpool's reply, more especially as
I do not wish to enter into any detailed
reasoning on a question relating to a
matter of personal feeling. I think it

due however to you as well as to myself
to state distinctly that I have no objection
to act with an Administration formed
on the two principles mentioned in your
Memorandum, though I think it improbable
that any consideration which the Government
can give to the subject of the Restrictions on
the Roman Catholics will enable it to
propose such a system as will wholly
satisfy their claims, & at the same time
afford that degree of security to the Protestant
Establishment which is generally felt to

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(signed) Melville

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Lord Melville's
letter to Mr. Sarnay

23 May '12