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Note of a communication made by Lord Wellesley, to Lords Grey and Grenville.

Minute of a communication made by Lord Wellesley to Lords Grey & Grenville at Lord Grey's house May 23. 1812.

Lord Wellesley stated, that he had received the command of H. R. H. The Prince Regent to lay before H. R. H. the plan of such an administration, as he (Lord Wellesley) might deem adapted to the present crisis



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of affairs.

That he had apprised  
H. R. H. of the necessity  
of ascertaining the  
views & dispositions  
of all parties, with  
regard to certain  
general principles  
previously to the  
formation of any  
such plan.

That he considered  
himself merely as  
the instrument of  
executing H. R. H.'s  
commands on this  
occasion, & that he  
neither claimed, nor



desired for himself  
any station in the  
Administration,  
which it was  
in H. R. H.'s con-  
templation to form.

Under these  
circumstances, he  
requested to know,  
whether any obstacle  
existed to the con-  
currence of Lords  
Grey & Grenville,  
or their friends,  
in the following  
general principles,  
as the basis upon  
which an Admini-



= misstration might be  
formed.

First- that the  
state of the Laws af-  
fecting the Roman  
Catholics & the claims  
of that Body of his  
Majesty's subjects  
should be taken into  
immediate consi-  
deration, with a view  
to a conciliatory  
adjustment of those  
claims.

2<sup>dly</sup> that the war  
in the Peninsula  
should be prosecuted  
on a scale of adequate  
vigour.

Lord



Lord Wellesley stated,  
that as Mr Canning  
& he agreed in these  
general principles,  
he had requested  
Mr Canning to com-  
municate them to  
Lord Liverpool.

Lord Wellesley  
has reduced the  
substance of this  
communication to  
writing, and now  
submits it to Lord  
Grey & Lord Grenville.

(Signed) Wellesley.



