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St James's Place

May 23, 1812.

My Lord

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of a
copy of the Minutes of the
conversation, which your Lordship
held with Lords Grey & Grenville;
and I feel much indebted for
the communication accompanying
them.

The proposed consideration
of the Catholic Claims, and the
adoption of a system of support
to the Spaniards such as may be
really

really capable of producing decisive result, are the two points of policy, which I have long thought the most urgent for the benefit of the Country. The Question relative to the Orders in Council may be deemed as in effect settled by the Evidence adduced before the two Houses: and the active correction of internal abuses must be confidently assumed as the object of such a Ministry as is likely to be formed through your instrumentality.

A plan of Government, therefore, on the basis proposed by your Lordship

Lordship would have my most cordial wishes. Allow me to say that this is not to convey any implication of engagement to accept Office. This is not mentioned from the remotest regard to the possible Distribution of Situations; nor does it involve objection to any Individual, as there is nothing, I should so much deprecate in the present state of Public Affairs as a spirit of exclusion. Indeed, the candor and delicacy manifested by your Lordship in these communications are a perfect pledge that the details of arrangements could

could not but be entirely satisfactory

I have the honor, My Lord,
to be with high esteem,

Your Lordship's very Obedt
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The Marquis Wellesley

23 May 1812

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