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Life House
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Lord Liverpool has the Honour to inform
Your Royal Highness in Obedience to
Your Royal Highness's Commands, that
he concurred in the Opinion contained
in the Paper which was transmitted
to Your Royal Highness, by your confidential
Servants yesterday, respecting an Union
between your present Servants, and
Lord Wellesley, and Mr Lanning, for
the following Reasons.

First - Because he is most fully
satisfied from all that has recently
passed, that the Difference of Opinion
which exists between Lord Wellesley
and

and McLaughlin on the one hand and
himself on the other, on the subject of
the Roman Catholic claims, is so essential
not only as regards the merits of the question
itself but as to the conduct which it
is the duty of government to pursue respecting
it that there is no probability that
under present circumstances they could
cooperate with advantage as Ministers
of the Crown, in the Public Service

Secondly - Because Lord Liverpool is
convinced, that however desirable it
must have been, to procure an accession
of strength, in order to enable your

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and Royal Highnesses Present Servants to carry
on the Administration of Government acceptably
The Advantage of the Assistance of Lord Pitt Rivers
and Mr Lanning could only at this time
have been obtained, by a less of strength
in other quarters, not less important.
The Proposed Arrangement could not
therefore have been made, with a better
Prospect of ultimate success, and it
would have been purchased by sacrifices
which would have been inconsistent
with the Honour and Character of
the Persons who were Parties to it.

The Earl of Liverpool
20. May 1812.