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May 29th 1812

In obedience to your Royal Highness's
commands, that Lord Bathurst should state his
reasons for concurring with the Minutes of Cabinet
of the 27th Inst. Lord Bathurst has most humbly to
submit to your Royal Highness, that it appears that

no proposition can be made to Mr Canning, unless it
be made contemporaneously to Lord Wellesley; and that a
condition is to be exacted, that such communications may
afterwards be made public: that if a Negotiation so to
be begun, and continued could be brought to a favour-
able conclusion, a Junction at the present Moment
with Lord Wellesley and Mr Canning, after what has
recently passed (and what is unhappily known by
Publications to her papers) And the Declarations which
in consequence of such a Junction your Royal Highness's
confidential Servants would be called upon to make
in favour of the Roman Catholic Claims, would occasion
a reception of many of these ~~papers~~ have had the honour
of being your Royal Highness's confidential Servants

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and would expose to grievous suspicions the
Motives & Characters of part of them, who out of dutiful
and affectionate respect for your Royal Highness's
Person might remain in your Royal Highness's
Councils. Lord Bathurst is therefore most
humbly of Opinion, that an Administration form'd
under such circumstances, if under such circum-
stances it could be form'd, is well to ill-calculated
to obtain the confidence of Parliament, and by it's
early entrance expose your Royal Highness to
aggravated Embarrassments

Earl Baskin

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