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5 o'clock Sunday

My Dear Friend

You understood that Lord Mel-
ville would be most happy to obey His
R. Highness's Command to accept
office, & that if H. R. H. wished
to see him, he w.^d be most happy to
wait upon him to state the same
himself - Indeed as I stated that I
had been ordered to give the message
to Lord Melville, it may be desirable
that His R. Highness should see
him

him. Lord Melville will be a great
reception of strength to his R. A.

If now that our friends act with the
new Government, I could be appointed
Secretary to Ireland it wd certainly
please me, but of this & of other
things I will speak to you tomorrow
morning. Y^r aff^{ly} A. Ashurst