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Lord Moira stated to
Lord Grenville & Lord Grey
that he was authorized by
The Prince Regent to consult
with them on the formation
of a new Government:

And satisfactory explanations
having taken place between
them respecting such

Measures as appeared to
be of the greatest urgency
at the present moment,
more especially with
reference to the situation
of H. Majesty's Roman
Catholic subjects, & the
difficulties now unhappily
subsisting with America,
and that Lord Moira had
received this Commission
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Minute of a Conve-
-sation June 6th 1812.
between L^d. Moira &
L^{ds} Grey & Grenville
at which Lord Erskine
was present.

without any restriction or
limitation whatever being
laid by The Prince on their
considering any point which
they judged useful for his
Service, they expressed their
satisfaction with the
fairness of his proposal &
their readiness to enter into
any such discussions as
might precede the detail
of any new Arrangement.
As a preliminary question
which appeared to them of
great importance & which
they thought it necessary
immediately to bring forward
to prevent the inconvenience
and embarrassment of the
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might be produced if this negotiation should break off in a more advanced state, they asked whether this full liberty extended to the consideration of new Appointments to those Great Offices of the Household which have been usually included in the Political Arrangement made on a change of Administration; intimating their Opinion that it would be necessary to act on the same principle on the present occasion. Lord Moira answered that The Prince had laid no restriction upon him in that respect,

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I had never pointed in
the most distant manner
at the protection of those
Officers from removal:
That it would however
be impossible for him
(Lord Moira) to concur
in making the exercise of
this power positive and
indispensable in the forma-
tion of the Administration,
because he should deem
it on Public Grounds
peculiarly objectionable.
To this Lord Grenville &
Lord Grey replied that
they also acted on public
grounds alone and with
no other feeling whatever
than that which arose
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from the necessity of giving to a new Government that Character of efficiency & stability & those marks of the Constitutional support of the Crown which were required to enable it to act usefully for the Public Service; and that on those grounds it appeared to them indispensable that the connection of the great Offices of the Court with the Political Administration should be clearly established in its first arrangement.

A decided difference of Opinion as to this point having been thus expressed
on

on both sides, the conversation ended here with mutual declarations of regret.

Nothing was said on the subject of Official Arrangements, nor any Persons proposed on either side to fill any particular Situations.