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Treasury Chambers

10th July 1915

My Lord,

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, having had again under their serious consideration the Report of the Committee of the House of Commons of the last Session upon the Civil List a Copy of which was transmitted to your Lordship in my Letter of the 12th Instant. it appears to my Lords very desirable previously to their having the Conference with your Lordship adverted to in the said Letter that your Lordship's attention should be called to the Changes which have been introduced into the Royal Household since the commencement of the Regency from a separate Establishment having been formed for His Majesty at Windsor in consequence of which it is probable that some of the Officers and Servants now upon the Establishment of the Royal Household in your Lordship's Department, particularly those whose Duties

The Lord Chamberlain

of His Majesty's Household

were

were chiefly if not entirely performed at St. James's
have no longer any Duties to perform, and the
Lord Steward having submitted to this Board a
List of such Officers in his Department whose Places
in cases of Vacancy it is not intended to fill up
in consequence of the present Holders having no
longer any Duties to perform, their Lordships
(with a view of adopting every practicable measure
of Economy not inconsistent with the Splendor of
the Crown) are very desirous that the Establishment
of your Lordship's Department should also be revised
and that those Persons only should be retained
thereon who have Duties to perform or whose
Situations are connected with the Splendor or
Dignity of the Crown, and that all those Officers
and Servants who from change of circumstances
have no duties to perform should be continued
upon the Establishment only during the lives
of the present Possessors and that the Places
should not be filled up upon their death or
removal

Their

Their Lordships are the more induced to
press this subject upon your Lordships attention
from the necessity which from time to time arises
for creating new offices and for increasing the
Salaries of existing officers who have efficient
Duties to perform and as an Estimate has been
submitted to Parliament founded upon the
present Establishments of the several Departments
of the Royal Household, provision can only be
made for the Salaries of new officers whose
appointments may be deemed absolutely neces-
sary, and for the increase of Salaries to officers
having efficient Duties to perform, by the abolition
of those offices which from change of circumstances
have ceased to be efficient. And their Lordships
are also called upon in consequence of the recom-
mendation of several Committees of the House of
Commons upon the Civil List and of an Address
of the House of Commons of the last Session to
make Compensations to several of the Menial
Servants of the Royal Household for Gratuities
which they have heretofore received, and which
Expence was not contemplated in the Estimate
lately submitted to Parliament and can
therefore

therefore only be provided for by making retrenchments
in the other Branches of this Expenditure.

I am further directed to call your
Lordship's attention to those Officers Professional
Persons or Tradesmen upon the Establishment of your
Lordship's Department who having Salaries thereon
charge for their attendance or articles supplied or work
performed in the same manner as all other Persons charge
for the same Services having no such Salary and
also to the number of Officers and Clerks employed in
your Lordship's Office and in the Wardrobe Office the
Duties of the former of which my Lords apprehend
must be much reduced in consequence of the Office of
Works having been lately taken from your Lordship's
Department. I am also to request that your Lord:
=ship will take these subjects into your early consi:
=deration and when my Lords shall have the honor of
seeing your Lordship upon the general subject of any
arrangement which may be necessary in your Lord:
=ship's Department, they will be very happy to receive
from your Lordship such Propositions upon the
several points adverted to as you may wish to offer
for their Consideration

I have the honor to be
My Lord

Your Lordship's

most obedient Servant

I signed, C. Arbuthnot

18 July 1815