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Lord Liverpool (to Gen. Sir B. Bloomfield)

(Secret)

Wife House
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My dear Sir

I received your letter by the Post this Morning. If the marriage cannot take place on the 4th it had better at once be fixed for the Tuesday or Thursday in Easter week. Those persons who are expected to attend it must have some time to prepare their dresses. The uncertainty which now prevails respecting it is very inconvenient to many.

I come now to a matter
to General
Sir Benjamin Bloomfield

of more importance.

The Proceeding last night in the House of Commons was most unpleasant. a direct vote of Censure upon the Government was rejected by a Majority of only 29 - And, as I am well informed, if it had not been for Brougham's speech, which was little short of treason, and created an universal Disgust amongst all Parties, we should probably have been left in a Minority.

It becomes necessary therefore for me to convey to His Royal Highness the Information that the Government certainly hangs by a Thread - That the Victory

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which has been obtained against us on the Property Tax, & the determination since taken of conceding the war Mill Tax has not had the least effect in conciliating those who have deserted us; & that the spirit of the House of Commons is as bad now as at any period of the present Session or indeed as at any time within my recollection.

Under these circumstances both Lord Castlereagh & myself are of opinion that it is of the utmost importance that the Prince Regent should come to Town the very first moment he can do it without risk.

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The Country is indeed in a state
in which His Ministers ought to
have the opportunity of daily, & even
hourly access to His Majesty's
Decisions which ought not to be taken
without His Royal Highness's
Concurrence must in times like
these often be taken without the
probability of the delay which would
arise in consequence of a communication
between London & Brighton.

In addition to these considerations,
The Lord Chancellor has directed a
search to be made whether a
Recorder's Report has ever been held
out of London - We can find no
instance of it even in any period
of the King's Illness - and the
Chancellor adds that he should be
opposed

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afraid to have Execution done upon
the Authority of an unusual
Proceeding.

I must beg of you to
submit all these Observations
to His Royal Highness's most
anxious Consideration, and I am
sure He will see the necessity
of coming to Town as soon as
He can bear the Motion of a
Carriage.

I would only further
add on the subject of the Marriage
that I think there would be many
objections to the fixing it on the
5th or 6th. — The 5th is a Friday
& a day consequently on which
Marriages do not usually take
place in Lent. — The 6th is on

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a Saturday, and the day immediately
before Passion week. If it
cannot be fixed therefore on
Thursday the 4th it had better
be put off till Easter week.

Believe me to be

My dear Sir

Yours very faithfully
Amesford