

T. Tyrwhitt to H.R.H.

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Sir,

A Rumour prevailed this morning that there had been an oversight in the Income Bill respecting the usual Clause of exempting the Royal Family from the Operations of it. I immediately came home & read through the Bill, & to my extreme Surprise I find no such Exemption - I mentioned it to several Persons in the House, & it seems as if it was the Intention of Ministers that they should pay -

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With great submission however to their
better Judgment, I think this is taking
the Royal Family by surprise, & debarring
them of that Credit with the Public
which doubtless they would have gained
by a spontaneous proposal, Should
Ministers have thought such a step
necessary. I cannot imagine for a
moment, that His Majesty is aware the
Public will know his actual Revenue
from the Funds, & your Royal Highness
I know will excuse me for observing,
that I think the Day will fall far

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too heavy on the younger branches of
the Royal Family, whose incomes
without the diminution of a tenth, are
too disproportionate - If Lord Shelburne
had attended, I should have requested
him to have asked the simple
question, "had his Majesty been consulted
upon the Point" - Should this be the
Case, & it is understood by their Majesties,
your Royal Highness with pardon my
saying is that which I felt a lack
of duty to state -

The only Lord in Opposition in
the House is Lord Holland, & these
are not twelve of their Lordships
altogether -

I must apologise to

Your Royal Highness for the health
with which this is winter as I wish to
save the Post —

I enclose a note from Gascoigne,
I hope to see your Royal Highness
return on Tuesday as well as when
I took leave of you, &

ever your affectionate servant,
Carlisle House. Thos. Symbell.

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