H.R.H. Memorandum

Statement of what passed between Mr. Perceval and myself on the subject of the introduction of Dr. Reynolds to attend His Majesty conjointly with those who had been chosen by His Majesty himself.

Early on Saturday morning of the 4th Nov.r I received a Letter from Mr Perceval inclosing one to Her Majesty which he desired me to deliver to Her as well as previously to acquaint Her Majesty that it contained a communication of a determination of His Majesty's Cabinet that Dr. Reynolds should attend His Majesty in conjunction with His present Physicians, and that he was to arrive at Windsor at an early hour that Morning.

I lost no time in delivering the Letter to the Queen who was equally surprized and grieved with myself at the communication, as We were both perfectly acquainted with His Majesty's repeated declarations, that if He was ever Sick, He would have no other Physicians than Sir H. Halford

Dr. Baillie, and Dr. Heberden; as also of His particular and personal dislike of Dr. Reynolds.

As it appeared by Mr. Perceval's letter that Dr. Reynolds might be expected very early at Windsor, and as Mr. Perceval had mentioned his intention of coming there likewise that morning with some of his Colleagues, Her Majesty determined to send an open order to His Majesty's Page in waiting to be delivered to Dr. Reynolds when he arrived, desiring him not to go in to the King till She had seen Mr. Perceval: Her Majesty at the same time directed me to see Mr. Perceval previous to his coming to Her, and to prepare him for what She meant to say to him, as likewise to state to him what I personally knew of His Majesty's wishes concerning the Physicians now in attendance upon Him, as also His sentiments with regard to Dr. Reynolds.

Accordingly as soon as Mr. Perceval arrived I went to him and after acquainting him with the step which Her Majesty had taken concerning Dr. Reynolds, I informed him that His Majesty had more than once, about two

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months prior to the present period, expressed to me, & also as I understood at different times to others of my Brethren and Sisters, His fixed determination should He ever be ill, to employ no other Physicians than the three now attending Him: that they all were eminent in their Profession, but particularly Sir H. Halford and Dr. Baillie, who certainly had the first practice in London: & therefore that I must strongly deprecate and protest against any additional Physicians being directed to attend His Majesty as long as those Gentlemen considered themselves competent to effect His Majesty's cure and did not require any further assistance, but that at all events I must particularly represent against Dr. Reynolds being the person to be brought forward upon this occasion, on account of His Majesty's particular and decided dislike to him expressed often in my presence as well as almost every other individual of the Family, that I was not personally acquainted with the real cause of this displeasure, but that I understood both Her Majesty & the Duke

of Cumberland could speak more particularly to this point.

Mr Perceval received this communication very civilly, he stated that His Majesty's Cabinet had been totally ignorant of His Majesty's particular dislike of Dr Reynolds, but that he would not fail to report the circumstance and consult with them upon it though he added at the same time that he must tell me fairly that his Colleagues were particularly anxious that Dr Reynolds should be employed upon the present occasion as he had attended His Majesty in His three former Illnesses.

We then parted and Mr Perceval went away with the Duke of Cumberland who Her Majesty had sent to acquaint him She was ready to receive him.

About an hour & a half afterwards Mr Perceval called upon me at my Apartments & informed me that in spite of every thing which Her Majesty, the Duke of Cumberland & myself had urged the Majority of the Cabinet (and particularly the Lord Chancellor upon whom under the present melancholy circumstances the greatest responsibility rested) considered Dr Reynolds services about His Majesty so desirable as to over-rule all other consi-

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and that therefore it was their intention to direct his attendance upon His Majesty in conjunction with the other Physicians.

To which I shortly replied that having no authority whatever, I could only repeat to him my extreme concern at the resolution taken and my great alarm at the effect which it might have upon His Majesty, if not now, at least hereafter when in a state of convalescence to find a Man so personally obnoxious to Him thus introduced and placed about Him.

Frederick

Windsor November 5th 1840

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