

of the Civil List. The answers I gave were I hope cautious and not unsatisfactory as to the three first and therefore need not be repeated; ^{however} as to the last I declared a willingness ~~that the~~ ^{introduce the} most rigid economy, ~~should be introduced~~ but that I trusted it could not be meant under that word either to affect the Dignity of the Crown by reducing such Officers as had any peculiar Attendance on the Person of the King or to diminish its comforts by disallowing it from those acts of Benevolence which alone makes the Station bearable and that I supposed it could be now settled by interior regulations and was ~~the~~ object for the Attention of the Cabinet as far as related the interest of the Crown, as ~~though~~ ^{though} ~~his~~ ^{his} ~~Decree~~ ^{Decree} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~other~~ ^{other} ~~had~~ ^{had} the Object of Parliament. Thus things stood till last Week when I found the language of the G^o of Rockingham changed and that his ideas began to run entirely on bringing the Civil List before Parliament, and within these two days ^{he} has avowed that he means to introduce the whole of Mr. Burke's Bill and it was with the utmost difficulty I was prevented his taking ~~that~~ a step in the House of Commons without previously laying the matter before the Ministers, saying it was one of his four propositions and therefore did not require any consultation

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consultation; He means to day to lay a Message before the Cabinet
which though I tried to avoid it he oblig'd me to read yesterday
but ~~to which~~ I did not utter a syllable; now what I wish is

1^o That Ld. Shelburne will consider how far it is necessary
for this business to be opened by a Message from the
2^o That the Bill if whatsoever is necessary be gone through
claus'd by clause at the Cabinet that the Ministers may
concur in it and no diversity of opinion appear between
them in either House of Parliament

3^o That those Offices which have any peculiar attendance on
the Crown may be continued by the present arrangement
in page 3. The Treasurer of the Household and Comptroller
of the Household have been virtually continued by being
put into new hands, as also the Master of the Stag Hounds
the Master of the Robes must also be continued he has
the peculiar Employment of carrying my train at the
House of Peers as well as on all Ceremonies of the
Court &c.

4^o in Page 13. It is proposed that the Penions as it is called
in the Bill which at least ought to stand the Establishments
of the Royal family and the Kings Privy Purse which
always are the Articles first paid shall now stand the
5th in the order which certainly is not creditable they should
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still stand fast,

5^o No diminution of the Privy Purse which in reality is the only fund from whence I pay every act of private business every improvement in my Gardens nay many articles of convenience for the Queen as well as myself.

I am certain Mr. Shelburne must see by these remarks that I am moderate in my requests, and I only add that I should think nothing should be said of the surplus the Civil List is now much in arrears the greatest Economy, I having fourteen Children I am confident will be necessary to make the charge my debts and at the same time make the necessary Establishments for my Children, undoubtedly should there were be a surplus I do not want to hoard it up but it would appear granting that Parliament should give upon it, the giving with one hand and taking away with the other does not seem very fair.

I should have stated that in page 4. there is something very gratifying in furnishing the Crown as an hospital by open contract, and I am certain no one would now advise it if it had not been a part of Mr. Baskin's bill and much reprobated in the House and therefore must be counteracted to show power in that place I May with truth add

that Ld. Shelburne has seemed very solicitous for my health
 which undoubtedly is much interested in the fate of this
 business, if I am made uneasy in my private situation
 how can it be expected I shall not severely feel it and that
 it will add to my disquietudes at having been forced to
 yield to the times

It will be impossible to carry on the common affairs of my
 household if the different departments have not some
 money in hand on account, for instance a Druggist is
 ordered to go abroad he cannot get his money under some
 days if he is to wait for a warrant to the Exchequer
 either the Secretary of State or the Ld. Chamberlain's
 office must be enabled to make this advance. When
 an Horse is to be bought if the Master of the Horse
 cannot have money in hand for that purpose it is
 impossible to go on; besides the number of Persons must
 be immensely increased at the Exchequer if all payments
 are to be made thence and new Departments must be devised
 to do the business which laid in other hands.

If Ld. Shelburne has any wish to consult the Chamber
 in the different stages of this business I do not object to his
 showing him this letter; all that can be done at Cabinet
 this day is to settle if a Message is to be sent and that the Bill
 when framed shall be examined by the Cabinet before presented to
 the House.

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