Duke of Portland

The Duke of Portland humbly conceives it to be his Duty to give Your Majesty the earliest notice that the Lord Mayor & Livery of London assembled in Common Hall have this day voted an Address & Petition to Your Majesty praying Your Majesty to call Your Parliament in order to their considering the present high price of Provisions & adopting measures for reducing the same. They have moreover Resolved that this Address shall be presented to Your Majesty upon the Throne by the Lord Mayor & Sheriffs,

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the latter of whom are desired to attend Your Majesty to take Your Commands respecting the time at which Your Majesty will please to receive them — The Sheriffs who are but just come into office, although they are both men of good characters & good intentions had not the courage to refuse to comply with the request of the Common Hall, & notwithstanding they have since been since appraised of the irregularity of the Request they still persist in considering themselves bound to fulfill it. & it is their intention accordingly to set out for Weymouth tomorrow morning at five o'clock. Your Majesty will see at one glance the time in which the Petition is expected its real object & how little the language of it is suited to promote the purpose of

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purposes; but was it unexpiatable in that & in all other respects, the Duke of Portland could feel it incumbent upon him to represent with all deference to Your Majesty that it is not the Petition of the Corporation of London, or of a Body that has any title or precedent to urge, of having had the honor of having been received in the Theatre by Your Majesty or any of Your Royal Predecessors. The Duke of Portland received from the City Remembrancer, who very soon followed the note which he wrote to the Duke of Portland containing the Resolutions of the Common Hall, together with a copy of the Address & Petition to Your Majesty as extracted from the City Records of the answer Your Majesty was pleased to return to a similar application

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from a Common Hall in the Mayoralty of the late Mr Wilkes. & had the
Duke of Portland been able to produce from his own Office a copy of
the minute he directed to be ~~made~~ upon a similar occasion in the year
1797 he would have herewith laid it before Your Majesty, but as Mr
Pollock, the Chief Clerk's health makes it necessary for him to sleep out of
town, & as all the Office Books are in his custody, & consequently not to be got
at till an hour ~~at~~ which the Duke of Portland is unwilling to detain the
messenger, he will venture to state upon recollection to Your Majesty that when
the Sheriffs attended in pursuance of the direction of the Common Hall Your
Majesty

Duke of Portland

Oct. 3 1800

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay at Your Majesty's Feet his most dutiful congratulations on the joyfull Event of Princess Sophia's entire Recovery which Your Majesty has condescended to notify to him, & which he devoutly hopes will not suffer any interruption which can

affect

the satisfaction which Your Majesty so feelingly expresses upon it.

Your Majesty's Orders respecting Dr. Hallman & Admiral Knipsmill would have been fulfilled to day had not the weakness of Your Majesty's Servants continued beyond the time which the Duke of Portland expected & rendered it impossible to make out the Warrants for Your Majesty's

signature

Duke of Portland

Oct. 3 1800

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expresses upon signature without delaying the Mail Coach

Whitehall
Friday 3d October 1800
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Duke of Portland,

Whitehall 3. Oct. 1800.

Majesty commanded the Duke of Portland to acquaint them that they might present their Address at the first Levee, that on the Bench reporting to a Common Hall called for the purpose the answer they had received from the Duke of Portland, they were instructed to return to St James's Lastly, to request an answer from Your Majesty. & that Your Majesty condescended to admit them into the Closet & to tell them that the answer which they had received from the Duke of Portland was given them by Your Majesty's direction & that they might bring the Address at the next Levee. the consequence of which was the same as in the former case that they did not avail themselves of the permission Your Majesty was pleased to give them.

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The Duke of Portland therefore without entering into the causes or motives which may have suggested the calling a Common Hall to petition Your Majesty to assemble Your Parliament, submits with all humility to Your Majesty's superior wisdom the propriety of adhering to the Rule which Your Majesty has hitherto thought fit to bear upon similar occasions & for that purpose of directing that the Sheriffs should be acquainted, or if Your Majesty should graciously please to condescend in consideration of the personal character of the persons who hold those Offices to admit them to Your Royal Presence & let them know that they may

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present the Address which was read in Council Hall at Your Majesty's first Levee after Your return from Weymouth —

Burlington House
Friday 3d October 1800
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Duke of Portland.

Burlington House. 3. Oct.
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Mr Dundas
4th October 1800

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Downing Street 4th October 1800

Mr Dundas begs leave humbly to transmit to your Majesty a minute of your Majestys Servants, containing their opinions and submitting their humble advice on the points therein mentioned.

Mr Dundas would have been happy if he could have stated to your Majesty that

there had been no difference of opinion, but that was scarcely to be expected in matters of such difficult discussion; But the generality of your Majestys confidential servants were of opinion that consistent with the best interests of your Majestys Empire, at Stake by The French retaining the Possession

Mr. Dundas
4th October 1800

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of Egypt, it was impossible
for them not to advise your
Majesty to take the most
effectual means practicable
for its Relief before it may
become too late, and they
were further of opinion that
in the succours suggested for
Portugal, they had gone every
possible length consistently
with a due attention to the

various other interests of
your Majestys Dominions.

Along with this Mr
Dundas has thought it his
duty to transmit for your
Majestys Perusal the Minute
he had prepared for the con-
sideration of your Majestys
Servants, and which He
read to them previous to
their finally deciding upon
the business. and there are

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also sent the Proposed in-
structions to Sir Ralph
Abercrombie, and to Sir James
Pulteney.

Duke of Portland

Oct. 6 1800

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acknowledge Your Majesty's great condescension in communicating to him the particulars of what passed when the Sheriffs of London attended Your Majesty at Weymouth in pursuance of the directions of the Common Hall. The Duke of Portland is convinced that the matter will

Hereunder

terminate speedily in the manner predicted by Your Majesty

Whitehall
Monday 6 October 1800

Lord Grenville,
Dropmore, 6th Oct. 1800.

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Dropmore Oct. 6. 1800.

Lord Grenville takes the liberty humbly to request Your Majesty to return him the précis of the negotiations in 1741, when Your Majesty has done

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with it, as Mr. Goddard informs him that he has kept no copy of it.

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 9th october 1800.

Mr Dundas humbly begs leave to request your majestys permission to postpone paying his Duty to your majesty at the first levee after your majestys return to town being earnestly urged to make another and longer trial of Cheltenham, and the season for it is already far advanced.

Mr

Mr Dundas hopes to meet
with Your Majestys indulgence
if he takes this opportunity
of humbly stating to your
Majesty that he feels very
severe regret in being the
instrument of carrying into
execution the measure of an
extensive expedition for the
Relief of Egypt to which your
Majestys anxiety for the Wel-
fare of your Army has led

Henry Dundas

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your Majesty to give only a reluctant consent. Mr Dundas rests confident in your Majesty's Candor and Justice, that your Majesty will give him credit when He assures your Majesty that, under such circumstances, nothing but a deeprooted sense of Duty could have induced him to persevere in that measure. Every day tends more to convince him that

upon the success of that Mea-
sure must depend the Perman-
cy of the best interests of
your Majesty's Dominions.
at the sametime it is with
much Satisfaction Mr Sunda
feels himself warranted to
state to your Majesty that
upon the best enquiry He is
satisfied your Majesty may
relieve your mind from
any anxiety on the ground
stated in your Majesty's Not

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cation with the Shore, and in
the neighbourhood of the fer:
tile countries of Syria, Candia,
Cyprus, Rhodes and every other
Island in the archipelago it
does not occur that any army
runs the Risk of a Scarcity
of Provisions, and what further
may be necessary for their
Welfare and Comfort, nor

Dundas relies with just confidence on the continuance of the same exertions which have so successfully contributed to the supply of your Majestys troops in all the various and complicated services of the present War

It is not for Dundas's province to enter upon the reasons which weighed with

any of your Majestys Servants to dissent
from the measure in question
but we perfectly know that
the extent of the force sent
on the expedition, nor the
want of Provisions for the
army were none of the
grounds of their dissent.

Mr Dundas cannot
quit this Subject without
most humbly and at the same
time most sincerely congratu.

cating your Majesty on the
surrender of Malta to your
Majesty's Arms, a Circumstance
which certainly adds much
facility to this and every other
operation in that part of
the World.

Upon the Subject of
America, it is a considerable
time since Mr Dundas was
strongly impressed with serious
Doubts, how far it was expedi

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ient to connect ourselves so closely in the negotiations of that Court. It is a nice policy at all times when we are at War with France to apply a part of the pecuniary Resources of this Country to create a powerfull Diversion on the Continent, but it is a consideration of a very different nature, how far we ought in the hour of Negotiation to incorporate our with the interests

of those continental Powers,
especially when they have
manifested either a feebleness
in their Councils, or an inade-
quacy in their exertions. Mr
Dundas has reason to believe
that those Sentiments which
your Majesty has condescended
to impart to Mr Dundas are
becoming daily more prevalent
in the opinions of your
Majesty's Servants.

Duke of Portland

Oct. 10 1800

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty a Letter he has just received from the City Remembrancer informing him of the intentions of the Sheriffs to attend this day at Windsor in order to learn Your Majesty's pleasure respecting the time at which Your Majesty may

may please to receive the Resolutions of another Common Hall. The purport of ~~these~~ Resolutions, the Duke of Portland is unfortunately not able to state to Your Majesty, but can not but presume that they relate to the answer Your Majesty returned to the Sheriffs when they attended Your Majesty at Weymouth, & that they a point a right which has never been sanctioned by Your Majesty or any of Your Royal Predecessors, & by which the Duke of

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Duke of Portland

Oct. 10 1800

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the Sheriffs
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Your Majesty
the Duke of
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Portland has been able to collect is inconsiderable at most
by one solitary instance, which there is reason to believe
was owing to a mistake —

Balsbode
Friday 10 Oct. 1800
8 p. 8. a m.

Duke of Portland

Bulstrode 10th Octr 1800.

Wm. Pitt

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Downing Street
Friday Oct. 10th 1800

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
your Majesty that on a full Consideration
of the present Circumstances, your Majesty's
Servants have agreed to submit their Opinion to
your Majesty that nothing would be so
likely to prevent the Disaffected from
availing themselves for mischievous Purposes
of the Dissatisfaction naturally occasioned
by the present high Price of Provisions, as

an early Meeting of Parliament. The Discussion which would take place, would tend to remove many erroneous opinions and mischievous Prejudices now entertained on the Subject, which have the Effect both of aggravating the Evil itself, and leading to vicious Practices. Much real Good may also be expected by renewing without Delay the Provisional Bounty on Importation granted last Year for a Term which has now expired, and under which greater Quantities have been received from abroad than at any former Period. Some

Wm. Pitt

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other salutary Regulations may perhaps
also be provided. – At all Events the
Public will derive great Satisfaction from
the Attention of Parliament being early
directed to the Subject; and it seems
particularly desireable that the Decision
should take place, without waiting till
Petitions are procured (as would almost
certainly be the Case) from various Parts
of the Kingdom. On these Grounds Mr
Pitt trusts Your Majesty will not
disapprove of a Proclamation being
prepared, giving Notice of the Meeting
for the Dispatch of Business on the 11th Nov.,

and which may, if Your Majesty thinks
proper be signed at the Council on Wednesday

Mr Hill
Downing Street Oct. 10. 1802

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 12th October 1800

Mr Dundas feels great regret in being obliged humbly to submit to your Majesty the propriety of recalling Sir George Yonge from the Government of the Cape of Good Hope, but his conduct during the short time he has been there has in such a variety of particulars been so wild and extravagant

as to render it impossible
to continue him in that
government without exposing
this County to the imputa:
tion of being indifferent to
the concerns of that most
important settlement. Mr
Dundas feels the more un:
pleasant in being obliged
to recommend this measure,
because Your Majesty will

Henry Dundas

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have observed that there have been some Differences in opinion between Sir George and General Dundas on the Subject of command, and Mr Dundas from an Idea of impartiality had once formed the notion of recommending to your Majesty the Recall of both. But upon enquiry at the Commander in Chiefs office,

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and carefully examining the
records of his own office,
Mr Dundas conceives the
Conduct of General Dundas
has, in every situation he
has held at the Cape, been
so unexceptionable, and Chara-
terised by such uncommon
forbearance, it would be
doing real injustice to
recall him. Mr Dundas

believes Mr Sylvester Douglas is eminently qualified to succeed to that Situation of Governor, and Mr Dundas has requested Mr Pitt in his absence to mention him to your Majesty with that view.

There are some particulars relative to Ceylon which Mr Dundas wishes to take

an opportunity of submitting to your Majesty, but they are not equally pressing

Mr Dundas is sorry to mention to your Majesty in confidence that Mr Pitts health is by no means what could be wished, and it will require very great attention

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immediate Steps for that
purpose. Mr Pitt will pro:
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Majesty, and Mr Dundas
trusts the will receive
your Majestys approbation

in conveying this information
to your Majesty that We
may not be allowed to
procrastinate so essential
a Duty.

Your Ma.ty's Dutiful
Subjects,
Winchester, 18 Oct.r 1800

Duke of Portland

Oct. 14 1800

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that the Corporation of London have voted an Address & Petition to Your Majesty to convene Your Parliament in order that they may adopt such measures as may lead most effectually to reduce the present high price of Provisions, & that it is the intention of the Sheriffs

Sheriffs to attend tomorrow at St. James's humbly to know Your Majesty's pleasure as to the time of its being presented to Your Majesty — The Duke of Portland begs leave with all humility to lay at Your Majesty's Feet the note which he has received upon the occasion from the City Remembrancer —

Burlington House
Tuesday 14 Octr. 1800 8. p. m.

Duke of Portland

Oct. 15 1800

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The Duke of Portland has received the communication Your Majesty has condescended to make to him of the time at which Your Majesty would incline to appoint to be attended with the Address & Petition of the Corporation of London, together with Your Majesty's Observations upon the Proceedings of that Body, the wisdom & justice of which he most sensibly feels. But as it is Your Majesty's intention graciously to receive the Address in

person

in question. The Duke of Portland feels it to be his duty to submit with all humility to Your Majesty's superior judgement, whether the distance of the time to which Your Majesty inclines to defer the reception of it may not at such a moment as the present be subject to misconstruction, & be represented by those who are seditiously disposed as affording matter of speculation that instead of conveying that Reproof which the considerate part of the Community must wish to see such indecent Proceedings stigmatized —

Whitehall Wednesday 15 Oct: 1800. 1. P. M.

Bp. of St. Davids
Ham Octr ~~17~~ 18. 1800.

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Sir,

I never shall deem it my duty to deny your Majesties commands, and therefore, though the situation of Primate is materially changed since your Majesty was graciously pleased to communicate your wishes, the difficulties of that situation increased, and its dignity and consequence considerably lessened, I do not for a moment hesitate to assure your Majesty that I will cheerfully accept the Archbishoprick of Armagh.

I trust I trust I never shall forget the many favours which I have received from your Majesty, but be forward to manifest, on all occasions, the inviolable attachment & gratitude with which I am

Sir,

your Majesty's
most dutiful & grateful
subject and servant
W St Davids

Ham Oct 16 1800

Duke of Portland

Oct. 17 1800

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The Duke of Portland has humbly to implore Your Majesty's Pardon for having neglected to lay before Your Majesty the Lord Lieutenant's Letter of the 3d instant, which he must, with great shame, acknowledge was only brought back to his recollection by that from the Lord Lieutenant dated 12th October which he has also to entreat Your Majesty's forgiveness for having detained so

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in order that it might be accompanied by the Dispatch of the 5th Private
Secret which happened to have been left inadvertently at this place

Bulstrode

Friday 17th October 1800
½ 11 p.m.

Duke of Portland
Bulstrode
17th Oct. 1800

Wm. Pitt

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Woodley Saturday Oct 18th 1800

Mr Pitt was honored yesterday with Your Majesty's gracious Commands respecting the Mode of communicating to the House of Commons, the Steps taken for their Accomodation in the Painted Chamber. He had before conversed with the Speaker on the Subject, and they have since discussed it again; and Mr Pitt would humbly

beg leave to submit to your Majesty as the Result of their Consideration, that every Purpose would in their Opinion be answered if your Majesty should think fit to direct The Lord Chamberlain (whom they conceive to be the regular Channel for conveying your Majesty's Commands relative to Works in any of the Palaces) to write a Letter previous to

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the Day of Meeting to the Speaker, stating that as the usual Place of the House Assembling could not be ready for their Reception, Your Majesty had given Directions for preparing the Painted Chamber for their temporary Accomodation. The Speaker would then be enabled to direct the Officers of the House to give Notice in the Avenues to Members of the Change in the Place of Meeting, and

would on taking the Chair read the Lord Chamberlains Letter, which would naturally be followed by a Vote of Thanks, and might, it is conceived, preclude the necessity of any Thing being said on the Subject in Your Majesty's Speech, or of any other Proceeding upon It.

Mr. Pitt
Woodley Oct. 18th 1800

Ld. Luchiquin

October 18th 1800

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I throw myself at your Majesty's feet, and humbly beg permission to state my present situation, which is a most mortifying one, relying on your Majesty's great goodness and feeling to pardon the liberty I take, and that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to consider the severe mortification and disappointment I have suffered in being deprived of what has always been the object of my ambition, a Seat in the British House of Peers, and which I had every reason to flatter myself I should have obtained, from the promises the Duke of Portland gave me, of being returned one of the representative Peers for Ireland; trusting to his Graces influence, I forbore exerting my own interest with my Brother Peers in Ireland, and knew nothing of the failure of my expectations, till a few days before the Election; His Grace was disappointed, as well as myself, at finding his power inadequate to procuring me an honour, I may be bold to say, I might with justice and propriety have expected, not only from my being the head of one of the most loyal and antient Familys in Ireland, but having uniformly exerted myself both in England and Ireland in favour of the Union, and tho I had no Boroughs to present to Government, I was not idle where I had influence, I procured an address from the County of Clare, and recorded one from the County of Cork.

The honour your Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer on me and my Family, I receive and feel with sentiments of the most profound respect, duty, and gratitude, as being a mark of your Majestys Royal Favour; but with all possible submission I entreat your Majestys gracious consideration and pardon for presuming to trouble your Majesty on the subject of my personal disappointment and embarrassment, by losing the honour I fully expected of being elected one of the representative Peers, I stand in such a predicament, that I trust your Majesty will not be surprised at my saying, I feel truly distressed.

All my friends and acquaintance knew of my expectations and thought them well founded, and congratulated me on the approach of the Election; I was on the point of setting out for Ireland, when I received from the Duke of Portland, the mortifying and unexpected intelligence, that his request in my favour had been disregarded, by which, I have the mortification of finding placed above me, many of those Peers, who have not half my pretentions, either personally or otherwise.

I can not therefore consistent with my feelings continue a member of the House of Commons, especially honoured as I have so recently been by your Majesty.

Your Majesty knows that by the Union regulations, that by being a member of the House of Commons, an Irish Peer loses many privileges, and is only considered as a Commoner, and his rank and titles

Ld. Luchiquin

how high soever, places him only in the same class, as those holding their titles by courtesy.

May I hope your Majesty will spare me the mortification of having it considered by the World, that your Majestys gracious favour was conferred in lieu of my ~~not~~ being one of the representatives Peers for Ireland.

The noted loyalty of all my Ancestors, as well as my loyall and steady attachment to your Majesty and your Royal House, emboldens me to entreat your Majesty will be so gracious to confer on me, only for my life (which can not be long) the Honour of a British Peerage, which my Family ever had; I ask this favour of your Majesty with more confidence, as I am sure your Majestys goodness will incline you to consider the peculiar situation in which I stand and the mortification and disappointment I have experienced; that I am not asking for more than your Majesty would be inclined to grant, first from the consideration of my Family and particularly my late Uncle, who was promised a British Peerage by your Majestys Royal Father, and my being the Head of a Family, who were always distinguished by rank Honour and nobleness of Character.

On these presumptions I humbly hope your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant my Prayer, which shall ever be acknowledged by a most grateful and truly loyal Heart, being

Sir

Your Majestys

most loyal devoted

Subject and Servant

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Duke of Portland,

Bulstrode 19th Oct. 1800.

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty a copy of the Letter which he wrote to the Bishop of St Davids in pursuance of Your Majesty's commands & the Bishop's answer which the Duke of Portland has received this evening. The Duke of Portland will give immediate directions for a search to be made for the instrument of Bishop Burton's resignation

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of the See of Bristol on his being promoted to the Primacy, which the Duke of Portland believes to be the only case in point since the Reformation. but humbly submits to Your Majesty that the Bedes to the Lord Lieutenant for the Bishop of St Davids appointment to the Primacy & the Deanery of the Order of St Patrick need not be deferred upon that account, & requests that Your Majesty will graciously condescend to signify Your pleasure as to the time at which the Bishop of St Davids may be permitted to kiss Your Majestys Hands

Balls Pode Sunday 15th October 1865 —
45 P. M.

Mr Pitt
Woodley Oct 21st 1800

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Mr Pitt is ashamed of having appeared to defer acknowledging the honor of Your Majesty's Commands. What he now submits to Your Majesty was written on Saturday but he defered sending it to Windsor, in the Expectation of a Messenger coming from Town, who from an accidental mistake was not sent as he had desired.

Woodley Tuesday Oct 21st. 1800

Lord Grenville,
Dropmore, 24th Oct.r 1800.

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Dropmore Oct. 24. 1800.

Lord Grenville has the honour, in humble obedience to Your Majesty's commands, to send Your Majesty the draft of a letter from the Lord Steward to the Speaker, which Mr. Pitt & the Speaker both think right in point

point of form.

Ld. Grenville

Oct. 29 1800

Cleveland Row Oct. 29.
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Lord Grenville has the honour to acquaint Your Majesty that two Messengers are arrived from Lord Minto with dispatches up to the 16th Inst.

As these, and the other letters received

received, are very voluminous, Lord Grenville does not trouble Your Majesty with them till the usual hour tomorrow, but he thinks it his duty not to delay acquainting Your Majesty that the account of M. de Cobenzel's nomination is confirmed:

that

Ld. Grenville

Oct. 29 1800

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, Lord
Majesty
tomorrow,
to delay
the account
is confirmed:
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that M. de Thugut appears to retain the chief direction of affairs, and continues to see Lord Minto on public business as before; And that both He, and M. de Cobenzel, who is set out for Head Quarters to negotiate the prolongation of the Armistice, have given to Lord Minto

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the strongest assurances that the Emperor is determined to enter into no negotiation for Peace except in conjunction with Your Majesty.

Lord Granville.
Received from Gloucester Lodge 29 Oct 1870

Lord Grenville
October 31. 1800

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Cleveland Row Oct. 31. 1800
55 m. p. 3. PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty a letter from Count Cobenzel, brought by Courier from Paris. He is preparing the draft of the answer, which will be in substance that the arrival of a Minister from Your Majesty in France does not depend on Your Majesty,

but

but on the French Government, which has refused to admit him except on the inadmissible condition of treating separately.

If Your Majesty approves of this general idea, the draft may be laid tomorrow before such of Your Majesty's servants as are in town, and the letter may be dispatched tomorrow.

Duke of Portland.

Whitehall 31st Oct. 1800.

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Considering the magnitude of the Subjects upon which Your Majesty has determined to declare Your Royal Pleasure in Council on next Wednesday the 5th of November, the Duke of Portland submits with the utmost deference to Your Majesty's superior Judgement the expediency of appointing the Council to be held in the Great Council Chamber, & most humbly requests the

the signification of Your Majesty's Commands respecting it —

Whitehall

Friday 31 October 1800 —