Duke of Portland

July 1 1800

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that the Union Bill has now passed the two Houses & lays ready to receive the Royal Assent whenever it shall be Your Majestys pleasure to have it pronounced, & Your Majestys Servants represent with all humility to Your Majesty their hope that Your Majesty will deem it proper

to

to have that Ceremony performed in Your Royal Presence. The Duke of Portland is desired also to inform Your Majesty that several Bills having passed yesterday by virtue of Your Majestys Commission the Corn Bill is the only one which is ready to receive Your Majestys Royal Assent —

The Duke of Portland begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that the Sheriff of Carmarthenshire who has been elected by the unanimous of the County to present an Address to Your Majesty on Your Majestys

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Duke of Portland

July 1 1800

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Lord Providential Deliverance has suggested his humble hope that Your Majesty would condescend to confer the Honor of Knighthood upon him. I from what the Duke of Portland can learn, Mr Powell the Sheriff is not unworthy of that distinction of Your Majesty, that Thought proper to bestow it upon him —

Whitehall Tuesday 1 July 1800
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Duke of Portland

Whitehall 1st July 1800

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 1st July 10 ½ P. M.

Mr Dundas humbly transmits for your Majesty's Information a Dispatch this day received from Brigadier General Maitland. Mr Dundas is perfectly at a loss to understand by what accident the orders for bidding the troops to go to the Mediterranean had not reached Quiberon Bay before

the 23d. Perhaps there may have been time, (if the orders at all arrived) to stop them before they reached Gibraltar. It is not however of very essential moment, as the two thousand Men intended for the Mediterranean have been countermanded, and destined for the Bellerophon Service, so that there are only two thousand

Henry Dundas

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Mediterranean than were intended.
Mr Dundas is to meet with the
Duke of York and Mr Pitt
tomorrow forenoon, when he
wishes to submit several new
Ideas which have occupied to
him in the present State of
affairs, and if those Ideas
shall be satisfactorily received
by Your Majesty's Ministers

Servants and adopted by your
Majesty, it will be a fortunate
circumstance if a considerable
Body of troops can be speedi-
ly assembled at Gibraltar.

For the Hon.ble Major General
Wm. Mansfield
Knowsley Park
Gibraltar 1800

Earl Spencer.
Admiralty. 5th July 1800.

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty the Minutes of a Court Martial on one of the Mutineers of the Hermione who has been clearly convicted of being concerned in that horrible transaction; and as there appear no circumstances of Mitigation in his Case, Earl Spencer humbly submits to your Majesty the Propriety of allowing the Law to take its Course.

Admiralty 5 July. 1800.

Mr Pitt
Downing Street July 7th 1800

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Downing Street
Monday. July 7th 1800

Mr Pitt takes the Liberty of humbly submitting to Your Majesty a Letter which he has this day received from the Attorney General, and which He hopes Your Majesty will approve of his laying before you, as the best Mode of explaining the two Points on which the Attorney General

is anxious to be honored with Your
Majesty's Commands for his Guidance in
the Conduct of the Bill now depending.

Mr Pitt
July 8th 1800

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Tuesday July 8th. 1800

Mr Pitt is extremely mortified to find that by an unfortunate mistake, the accompanying Papers which were intended to be sent to your Majesty last Night, have been overlooked till to day.

Mr Pitt
10th July 1800

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that a Motion having been made by Mr Western for a Committee on the State of the Nation with a View to introduce some Measure tending to Peace, was opposed by Mr Wilberforce, Mr Windham, Mr Hawkins Browne, Mr Buxton, Mr Hiley Addington, and the

Solicitor General, and supported by Mr Martin, Mr W. Smith, Mr Nicholl, Mr Hobhouse, Sir Francis Burdett, Mr Sheridan and Mr Tierney, and after a long Debate was negatived by 148 to 26.

Downing Street
Thursday July 10th 1800 ½ pt 2 A.M.

Lord Spencer
July 11. 1800

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying before Your Majesty the Sentence & Proceedings of a Court Martial held in Yarmouth Roads on a Seaman of Your Majesty's Ship the Monarch for using Words tending to excite the Ship's Company to mutiny, whereby he has been sentenced to be hanged; and Earl Spencer humbly submits to Your Majesty that as the Circumstances of the Case though highly criminal do not appear to have been attended with much

Intention on the part of the Prisoner to stir up the Crew to any act of Mutiny, it may be proper that your Majesty's Mercy should be extended to him on condition of his being transported to Botany Bay for Life.

Admiralty 11 July. 1800.

Draft
to Lady Charlotte Finch
Windsor July 13th 1800

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An earnest desire of promoting the permanent happiness of my Subjects actuates every desire of my heart, and I am certain this can in no manner be more effectually attained, than by the most careful attention in filling up the Vacancies in the Church and more particularly in the more exalted situations. This has made me reflect much on the now vacant Archbishoprick of Armagh, and I am clearly of opinion that the talents and zeal for Religion besides the being a man of noble family points out the Bishop of St Davids as peculiarly suited for that Preferment. Whilst he was out of health I suppose wishing to know his sentiments on this subject, as on these occasions I am not able to judge with firmness, but rather to view the difficulties that ever attend any change. I wish therefore Lady Charlotte Finch would through the channel of Mr Stuart's assize the Bishop of Armagh earnestly wish, as to place him where he can be of so much use, and that a Promotion of his emolument is infinitely more lucrative than is in general supposed; I know that will not actuate him, but at the same time with an increasing family it ought not to be disregarded.

Windsor
July 13th 1800.

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Mr. Pitt
Downing Street July 14th 1800

Wimbledon.
Monday July 14th 1800

In Consequence of the Note which He had the honor of receiving from Your Majesty this Morning, Mr Pitt has examined afresh the State of Business in Parliament, and must fear that it will not be possible by any Dispatch consistent with the necessary forms, to bring it to a conclusion till Monday or Tuesday in the Week after next; as the last Money Bill cannot be brought in till

all the Votes of Supply have been compleated, and It was not thought prudent to name an earlier day than Friday next for voting the Subsidy to Austria, which day had been accordingly fixed by a Notice given in the House yesterday.

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to take this Opportunity of acquainting Your Majesty that He finds Lord Stafford no longer feels any Hesitation with respect to Lord Granville Leveson's vacating his Seat for Staffordshire, and Mr Pitt presumes that Your Majesty will not

Mr Pitt
Downing Street July 4th 1800

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disapprove of Lord Granville being appointed to fill the Vacancy in the Treasury. — With respect to the Office of Chief Justice in Eyre, Mr Pitt finds that that Appointment would be particularly agreeable to Mr Grenville, and conceives that his Talents and Services in the Course of the last year will appear to Your Majesty to render Him not unworthy of it. — There is certainly no Ground but that of Your Majesty's Favor and Goodness on which it could be asked for Him on the same Tenure on which it was

held by Lord Sydney and his Predecessor,
but if Your Majesty should think proper
to extend so far your gracious Indulgence,
It would compleat the Satisfaction of
Mr Grenville and those immediately
connected with Him; and on that account,
not being aware that it could be attended
with any Inconvenience, Mr Pitt ventures
humbly to submit it to Your Majesty's
favorable Consideration.

Mr Pitt
Downing St. Sep. 14. 1804

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Downing Street
Monday July 14th 1800

Mr Pitt hopes that Your Majesty will approve of an immediate Communication being made to Parliament of the Treaty signed with the Court of Vienna, in order to vote the Subsidy without the Delay which would arise from waiting for the Ratification, and with that View He humbly begs leave to submit for Your Majesty's

Signature, Messages to the two Houses, which may if your Majesty thinks proper be delivered tomorrow.

V. Adm. Arch. Dickson to Evan Nepean

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Monarch Yarmouth Roads
14 July 1800

Sir

(One inclosure)

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12 instant, signifying, that His Majesty had been graciously pleased to extend His Pardon to William Gillfether, Seaman belonging to His Majesty's Ship Monarch, on condition of his being transported for life; and in reply, be pleased to acquaint Their Lordships, that having caused the same to be made known to the said man, he accepts with gratitude this Mark of Royal Mercy.

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Be pleased further to acquaint Their Lordships, that a Clergyman has constantly attended him, since the sentence

Evan Nepean Esq

sentence of the Court Martial, that the Prisoner has been extremely penitent, and that it does not appear he had any accomplices, or that any person in the Ship aid the Fact, had any idea of mutiny

Sir

I am Your obedient

humble Servant

Ark. Dickson

P.S.

I venture also to inform

a Certain hope of His Majesty's

Ship Warrant on the Subject

of Mr. Gillespie

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Monarch Yarmouth

14th July 1800.

Vice Adm. Dickson

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Capt. Jas. Robt. Mosse to V. Adm. Dickson
Enclosure

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H. M. S. Monarch, Yarmouth Rds. 13th July 1800.

Sir,

Agreeably to your direction, I communicated to the Prisoner Wm. Gillfillan, thro' the Chaplain, the clemency his Majesty had graciously held out to him, - after the usual visitation of Prayers; - which the Prisoner most thankfully embraced. I then caused the Ships Company to be turned up, (the Prisoner present) and expatiated on the goodness of his Majesty whose Mind was always ready to incline to Mercy even when the Laws had condemn'd, as they must perceive in the present instance: and in order to impress their Minds more forcibly on this occasion, I read the 19th & 20th Art.s of War. - afterwards the Adm.ty Letter communicating His Majesty's most gracious Offer to the Prisoner; - which I am happy to say was recei'v'd by the whole Crew, with no less satisfaction than surprize.

I am Sir

Your most Obedient &c
Humble Servant
Jas. Robt. Mosse.

On H. M. Service

To V. Admiral Dickson
Commander in chief &c &c &c
Yarmouth.

R Adm. Dickson.
14 Aug 1820

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 15th July 3/4 p m. 1800?

Mr Dundas takes the liberty of transmitting to your Majesty by a letter he has this day received from the Speaker, and waits your Majestys commands before he returns an answer to it.

Mr Dundas humbly submits to your Majesty's consideration a letter he has received from Colonel McLeod and upon a full conversation

with him, Mr Dundas is satisfied that the augmentation suggested is absolutely necessary for answering the various calls made upon that Department.

Lord Grenville,
to
Cleveland Row 16. July 1800.

Cleveland Row July 16. 1800.
11. P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to submit to Your Majesty the minute of the unanimous opinion of Your Majesty's Servants at the Cabinet today. In consequence of what fell from Your Majesty this morning he thinks

it due to His Colleagues as well as to Himself to assure Your Majesty, that he cannot see any ground for thinking, that the exertions necessary for continuing the War unsupported by any Continental Power, can be made in any other manner, than by shewing to Parliament and to the Country a readiness to treat conjointly with Austria, for a general Peace on reasonable terms.

No one can lament more sincerely than himself the necessity of such negotiation. But it is his duty to submit to Your Majesty with the same sincerity the full persuasion of

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Lord Grenville,
to
Cleveland Row 16. July 1800.

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his mind, that it is rendered unavoidable by the determination of Austria to negotiate. And if this opinion be now acted upon he trusts it is in the power of Your Majesty's Government to keep the business in their own hands, and to conduct it with dignity, with firmness, & with a due regard to Your Majesty's honour, & to the interests of the Country: whereas an effect precisely the contrary must result, as former experience has shewn, from any measure taken under the pressure of public opinion, or under the influence of a failure of support in Parliament.

So long as any Continental Power

Power would continue the War for the purpose of rescuing the Continent from the overbearing influence of the Arms & Revolutionary principles of France, it was, & still is, Lord Grenville's decided opinion, that this Country ought to persevere, and could do so with reasonable hopes of success. But in a contest single-handed, although the means and resources of the Country are abundantly sufficient to ensure the attainment of fit and honourable terms, Lord Grenville does not see the possibility of our compelling the Enemy, by our separate exertions, either to destroy the present usurpation in France, or to restore tranquility and

independance

independance to the Continent of Europe.

It is with the most sincere distrust of his own judgment, even when confirmed by that of his Colleagues, that Lord Grenville ventures to urge an opinion contrary to the impressions which seem to prevail in Your Majesty's mind. To his own feelings it would unquestionably be far more gratifying to persevere to the very last extremity, and to take every possible chance of a change of fortune. But he cannot think that Your Majesty's Servants would be justified in grounding

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their advice to Your Majesty on such feelings only; and entertaining that opinion he is sure Your Majesty would be the last person to wish that he should conceal or disguise it; or even to approve of his doing so.

Downing Street July 16th
1800.

Present

The Lord Chancellor

Lord Privy Seal

Duke of Portland

Earl Spencer

Earl Camden

Earl of Liverpool

Mr. Chancellor of
the Exchequer

Mr. Secretary Dundas

Lord Grenville.

It was agreed most humbly to advise His Majesty,

That instructions should be sent to

Lord

Minute of
Cabinet.
Downing St. 16th July 1800.
Lord Grenville

Lord Minto to declare that under the present circumstances His Majesty will not oppose the Austrian Armistice, if judged absolutely necessary for the interests of the Court of Vienna, notwithstanding the right which arises to His Majesty under the late treaty: But Lord Minto is to declare, if any occasion should arise, that His Majesty does not judge it proper to agree to any Armistice on His part.

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the Court of Vienna that if that Court should be compelled to treat with the Enemy, His Majesty would not decline to take part in a negotiation entered into, in that case, for a general Peace. He should in any such event require that such negotiation should be carried on, not, as proposed by the Enemy, in Italy, but in some proper town of Germany where a proper person would be sent on His Majesty's part.

That in such case His Majesty would certainly support

support such terms of
Peace in Italy as the
Court of Vienna would
deem most advantageous
to its own interests: and
that His Majesty has in
that view ratified the
Secret Treaty, though the
stipulations of it are
now so inapplicable
that it would be best
not to exchange the
ratifications: which
however, if desired, Lord
Minto is at liberty to
do.

But that the Basis
on which His Majesty
proposes in such case

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to treat for Peace, is that of an Utti Possidetis, from which He is not disposed to relax for the sake of any continental arrangements other than such as may relate to Holland and the Netherlands.

That the first payment of £ 666.000, under the late treaty, should immediately be made; but that the decision respecting the September payment must be deferred till His Majesty is enabled to judge

judge of the course of events to which the present circumstances may give rise.

That Lord Minto should press for the immediate conclusion of the Treaty of Alliance including in it the Article respecting Commerce and Navigation.

Mrs. (Sophie H.) Hm. Stuart to Lady Charlotte Finch
July 16 1800

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My dear Lady Charlotte,

I inclose a letter from the Bishop which we should be obliged to you to deliver to his Majesty. It is impossible for me to express how much we are both penetrated with his Majesties constant attention & goodness to him — and the honor he has conferred on him in the manner in which the notification was delivered —

I shall make use my dear Madam of the stay you make in London to get a short sight of you & hope of dear Matilda who I hope will be arrived by that time. Adieu my dear Madam believe me ever most dutifully & affectionately Yours —

Sophia M. Stuart

Fam July 16. 1800 —

Enclosure

Bp. of St. Davids
Nam July 16th 1800

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Nam July 16 1800

Sir,

Permit me to express the lively sense I entertain of your Majesties repeated favours, and particularly of your goodness in thinking of me for so high a station in the Church.

Nothing can be more flattering to me than such a mark of your Majesties approbation: But I should very ill deserve it, were I not humbly to represent to your Majesty, that my infirm state of health renders me little fitted for an Office which requires unimpaired vigour both of body and mind.

The humid Climate of Ireland would, probably, further enfeeble a very weak constitution; and (were not my life to be protracted for some years) the great expence of taking possession of Armagh would utterly ruin my children.

The same goodness which prompted your Majesty to write will, I trust, induce you to pardon the presumption with which I have now laid before you some of the reasons that would influence me to decline going to Ireland, unless I received your Majesties command, or unless I were informed that my going thither might be of real service in supporting the cause of religion & virtue, which I well know to be an object nearest your Majesties heart.

Your Majesties goodness will render me forward, on all occasions, to profess the inviolable attachment & gratitude with which I am, Sir,

your Majesties most obliged, & most dutiful subject & servant

W. Davids.

Draft
To the Bp. of St. Davids
Windsor July 18th 1800

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Windsor July 18th 1800

Mr. St. Asaph

Yesterday I received the Bishop of St. David's letter, the diffidence he expressed as to his health, I rather expected; though the Irish Climate is certainly damp, it is uncommonly mild and therefore not void of ~~advantages~~ real merit. I certainly had fully viewed the advantages that must arise to the cause of Religion and Virtue in Ireland by his Promotion to the vacant Primacy of that part of the British Empire, that I should not fulfill my Duty if I did not in the most explicit manner, now call on him to accept of that Eminent Situation, nor do I think he would shew the Zeal I know he possesses for those two great Objects if he does not instantly yield to this fresh communication of my Sentiments on this momentous Subject.

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Mr Pitt.

July 17. — 1800

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Downing Street

Thursday July 17th 1800

Mr Pitt humbly presumes to submit to Your Majesty the accompanying Messages which are necessary to be delivered in order to complete the Provision for the Supply of the Year. — Mr Pitt particularly entreats Your Majesty's Indulgence for sending them at an Hour which He fears may be inconvenient, but they were unfortunately omitted by mistake to be sent Yesterday, and It is material that they should if

possible be delivered to Day.

Bp. of St. Davids
Dam July 18th 1800

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Sir,

Whatever reluctance I felt to go to Ireland, or however adverse I conceive the situation to be to my private happiness, I cannot delay an instant to assure your Majesty of my cheerful submission to your commands; & trust I shall be ever forward to profess on all occasions, the inviolable attachment & gratitude with which I am,

Sir

your Majesties

Most obliged subject & servant

W. St Davids

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Wm. Pitt

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Downing Street
Friday July 18th 1800
8 Pm

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that he this day moved the Subsidy to the Emperor, and after some Opposition from Mr Jones and Mr Tierney (the latter of whom was replied to with great Effect by Mr Canning) the Vote was agreed to without a Division.

The Report is to be received tomorrow, and Mr Pitt has the Satisfaction to

and that unless in the Event of the Failure of a House in the Course of next Week (which every Exertion will be used to avoid) there can be Nothing to prevent the Prorogation on Tuesday Sennight.

Mr Pitt presumes to take this Opportunity of mentioning that in consequence of the Intimation which Your Majesty was graciously pleased to convey to Him this Lord Grenville, He has spoken

Wm. Pitt

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to Lord Sydney, who will be much gratified if Your Majesty has the Goodness to appoint him to succeed to the Vacancy in Your Majesty's Bedchamber.

Mr Pitt
Downing Street
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Downing Street 24 July 1800

Present

The Lord Chancellor
The Duke of Portland
The Earl of Westmorland
The Earl Spencer
Lord Grenville
Mr Pitt
Mr Dundas

Your Majesty's Confidential Servants humbly submit to Your Majesty their opinion that, at this Season of the Year, and in the present circumstances of Europe and of the War, it would not be expedient

to attempt the capture of Belle Isle; but that a considerable part of the disposeable Force of the County should be appropri-ated to the purpose of destroying as much of the Naval Force of the Enemy as can be attempted with any reasonable prospect of success.

With this view it is humbly submitted to Your Majesty that, in addition to the Troops now at the Ile of Houat, amounting to about 2,500 Men, such further Force may be immediately

embarked, as may complete the number to 12,000 effectives, that the Officer entrusted with the command of this Corps should consult with Lord St. Vincent on the practicability of an attempt on the Port of Ferrol, and in case it should appear to present a reasonable prospect of success, that the attack should immediately be concerted between them, and be undertaken by this Corps of 12,000 men and such a detachment of the Fleet as Lord St. Vincent may assign for this Service, with a view of destroying

the Enemy's Squadron and Arsenals at that Port. That should this Service be successfully executed, or relinquished as too hazardous, in either case the Force should then proceed to Gibraltar, where Sir Ralph Abercromby should also be ordered to repair with the disposeable Mediterranean Force: That as soon as the two Corps shall be thus united, the whole shall proceed to an attack upon Cadiz, with a view of destroying the Enemy's Ships & Arsenals

at that Port: after which, or in case of its being relinquished as impracticable, a part of the Force should be employed in capturing Teneriffe, and such other of the Canary Islands, as in the opinion of the Naval & Military Officers may be judged best calculated for a Naval & Military Station, and that the remainder shall rendezvous at Gibraltar to wait such further Orders as future Circumstances may render advisable.

Minute of Nothing.

Downing St. 24th July 1820.

M. A. Bunder.

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Wimbledon 25th July 1800
11 p. m.

Mr Dundas humbly states to
your Majesty that having no
opportunity this morning to
summon a Cabinet, He trans-
mitted to Mr Pitt the Note
He had received from your
Majesty, and has this evening
received an answer from Mr
Pitt, who wishes that Mr
Dundas should not have re-
course to a further Cabinet
consultation, but humbly

represent to your Majesty the joint Sentiments of Mr Pitt and Mr Dundas in consequence of the Doubt which your Majesty's Note has been graciously pleased to suggest.

They feel that if an Army collected at so much Expence, and by so unusual Exertions, was to remain inactive during the whole of the remainder of the Season, the Spirit of the

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Country would be let down, your Majesty's Government justly censured, and the impatience and clamour for peace on any terms encreased every hour.

They further feel and humbly represent to your Majesty, that on a reference to the minute of Cabinet, your Majesty will perceive that there is no intention of running any improper risk in any of the Cases directed. The whole will

rest on the Judgement of the
Respectable officers to be
employed, and it is not fear
that too much is left to
their Discretion. Sir James
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that Ferrol holds out a
fair object of hope to the
enterprise of your Majesty's
Naval and Military Force,
and your Majestys Servan
humbly conceive that
Lord St Vincents and Sir

James Pulney ought to be
furnished with the means
of attempting Ferrol, if
they think it expedient, and
that in like manner Lord
Keith and Sir Ralph
Abercrombie are justly en-
-titled to a similar confi-
-dence in so far as their
operations may be implicat-
-ed in the Propositions of
the minute of Cabinet,
which has been transmitted

to your Majesty by your
Confidential Servants.

Mr Dundas in his own
name and that of Mr Pitt
does further presume humbly
to represent to Your Majesty
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there two years past.

Mr Dundas is unwilling
to trespass further on the
indulgence of your Majesty,
but he refers with much

confidence in the candor and integrity of your Majestys feelings, that if those who are entrusted by your Majesty with the conduct of your Majestys affairs, possess the confidence of your Majesty, they will not be deprived of the benefit of it at a moment when it is so essentially necessary in every particular and in none more than the conduct of the War.

Minute Addressed to Lord Melbourne

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Henry Dundas

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Downing Street 11 A. M. 25th July 1800

Mr Dundas humbly informs your Majesty that he was about to set out for Isworth this morning at six o clock when he had the honour of receiving your Majesty's Note. Mr Dundas's reason of being prepared to go to Isworth was to settle the detail with His Royal Highness The Duke of York of the Plans

suggested by your Majesty's
confidential Servants had
met with your Majestys app:
probation, but wishing to
avoid any delay on his
part Mr Dundas thought it
his Duty to come immediately
to town to lay your Majestys
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Servants. Not finding either
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your Majestys servants.

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Downing St. 25th July 1800

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Wm. Pitt

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Saturday July 26th 1800

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit to Your Majesty's gracious Consideration the Draft of the Speech for the Conclusion of the Session; He hopes that the general Tone and Language of it is such as Your Majesty will not disapprove, as altho He has the Misfortune in common with the rest of Your Majesty's Servants to entertain an Opinion respecting the Necessity of concurring with Austria in Negotiation which is unfortunately

adverse to Your Majesty's Personal Sentiments,
He nevertheless feels it of the utmost importance,
that every Public Declaration should be
calculated to maintain as high as is possible
the Spirit of the Country during the
Interval of Negotiation. – Mr. Pitt will
not presume to trouble Your Majesty
further on this Subject or on any other at
present, hoping that He may have the
Opportunity of paying his Personal Duty
to Your Majesty at St James's at the Time

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fixed for reading the Speech; which he unfortunately missed doing on Wednesday from being misinformed as to the length of the Recorder's Report.

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July 26th 1800

Wm. Pitt

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Bromley Hill
Sunday July 27th 1800

Since writing the Note which Mr Pitt had the honor of addressing to Your Majesty yesterday from Holwood, (and which he directed to be dispatched from Town as soon as the draft of the Speech could be copied;) He has received from Mr Dundas Your Majesty's farther Answer on the Subject of the late Minute of Cabinet, and is highly sensible of Your Majesty's Condescension and Goodness in graciously attending to the Considerations which Mr Dundas and

himself felt it their duty to lay before
your Majesty. From the same motive, We
I dare venture to rely again on your Majesty's
Indulgence in humbly representing, that
if the attack on Ferrol should be found
practicable, it is of the utmost Importance
from the advanced Season of the Year, that
It should be executed without loss of time;
and also, with a View to Secrecy, that the
Troops destined for it should be sent out

Wm. Pitt

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as Reinforcements to those now in the Bay, instead of the whole being collected here, as by these means the Expedition will still be supposed to be directed against Belleisle. On these Grounds Mr Pitt humbly hopes it will not be found necessary that those so recently sent for Foreign Service should be brought home again previous to the Expedition, but if there are any Additional Whales of which they are supposed to be in need,

These should be sent out to them as expeditiously as possible together with the Reinforcement. With the same Object of saving Time, He also begs again to submit that it is very desirable to avoid the necessity of any Reference home, and as the Object is a very simple One, it seems safe to entrust the decision, under proper Conditional Instructions, to the discretion of Lord St Vincents and Sir James Pulteney on the Spot.

Henry Dundas

Wimbledon 27th July 1800. 10½ p. m.

Mr Dundas humbly states to your Majesty that on the receipt of your Majestys commands on the subject of Ferrol, he immediately transmitted them to Mr Pitt, who will receive your Majestys pleasure upon them. It only remains for Mr Dundas to remark that the delay which would arise

from the preliminary steps
your Majesty has pointed
out, as proper to be adopted
previous to the measures
suggested by your servants,
correspond with the secrecy
and promptitude which your
Majesty's confidential
servants supposed to be ne-
:cessary on the present occasion
Mr Dundas perceives with

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great concern that his mode of
bringing this Business before
your Majesty has met with
your Majestys Disapprobation
His only apology must be that
he pursued on this occasion,
the same line of conduct
He has uniformly done, since
He had the honour of a
Share in your Majestys
confidential Councils. In
matters of smaller Detail
He has presumed to act on

his own Judgement, but in
matters of such Magnitude
as that now in question, he
has always conceived himself
to be acting in the manner
most respectfull to your
Majesty, and most beneficial
to the Publick Service, when
he laid his Propositions before
your Majesty matured by
the united Wisdom of those
to whom your Majesty has

entrusted the conduct of your Confidential affairs.

Having stated this much in apology for his own conduct, Mr Dundas begs leave with the utmost Humility, and the most profound Respect, to state to your Majesty that in his poor Judgement the appropriation of the National Force must in time of War,

like every other Resource of
the Empire, be subject to
the advice and Responsibility
of your Majestys confidential
Servants.

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Windsor. 28th July 1800. 12 o'clock

Mr Dundas humbly transmits for your Majesty's signature if approved, a Commission for the Governor General of India upon a Reference to the Commission and the accompanying Draft of the Letter proposed to be wrote to Marquis Wellesley, your Majesty will be apprised of the Circumstance which renders such a commission necessary.

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Downing Street. 29th July 1800
6/4 P. M.

Mr Dundas humbly transmits for your Majestys consideration a Minute containing the result of a deliberation held this day by your Majesty's Confidential Servants.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty. 29th July 1800.

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Earl Spencer has the honour to lay before your Majesty a List of the Frigates and Cutters and Orders to attend upon your Majesty at Weymouth; which he will have the honour himself to present to your Majesty this day at St James's, if there had not been so great a Pressure of Business.

Admiralty. 29 July 1800.

See below

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1 Brigade of Gds	2800	R V T	M G Wade
2 Brigade of Gds	2400	R & T	B G Campbell
1 B^r 40	900	R V T	B G Crawford
11 Corps 95	1000		
1 B^r 51	600	R & T	
2 B^r 59	600	R & T	M G R M'Kenzie
1 B^r 80	900	R & T	
1 B^r 76	900	R & T	B G Mackenzie
2 B^r 87	1000	R V T	
	10,800		

Force under the Duke of Bavaria

3 B Royals	800	R V T	M G Maransfeld
4 B^r 26	1000	R V T	
2 B^r 31	800	R V T	
2 B^r 14	600	R & T	
2 B^r 23	600	R & T	
3 B^r 27	800	R & T	B G Hade
2 B^r 81	700	R & T	

July 30th 1800

Proposed arrangement of Force to be kept in readiness for Embarkation from Harwich & the Downs & from Cork.

From the Duke of York

Lord Grenville,
Cleveland Row, 31. July 1800.

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Cleveland Row July 31. 1800.

Lord Grenville has the honour to lay before Your Majesty the minute of yesterday's Cabinet upon the Danish business, together with the drafts and other papers relating to it. Lord Whitworth is ready, if Your Majesty shall approve of it, to proceed immediately on his Mission. The measures for sending

sending the Squadron may, as Lord Spencer thinks, be so concerted as to prevent any suspicion of it either here, or at Copenhagen, till their actual arrival in the Sound.

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Downing Street
July 30. 1800.

Present

The Lord Privy Seal
Duke of Portland
Earl Spencer
Earl Camden
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr. Secretary Dundas
Mr Windham
Lord Grenville.

It was agreed humbly to represent to His Majesty that it may be proper, in consequence of what has passed respecting the Danish Convoy,

That an answer should

should be returned to Count Wedel's note conformably to the draft which has now been read.

That a squadron of ships of the line should immediately be dispatched to the Sound, with orders to remain there till further orders, but not to commit hostilities except in the case of the detention or capture of any of the British ships in the Baltic, or of the sending away His Majesty's Minister from Denmark: or lastly of any hostile conduct on the part of that Power against the Squadron itself.

That Lord Whitworth

should forthwith proceed
on a special Mission to
the Court of Copenhagen.

That he should be
instructed to make a de-
mand of satisfaction, and
of sufficient security for
the future. And that he
should be empowered
ultimately to accept, as
such satisfaction and
security, a declaration or
convention by which the
Court of Denmark shall
agree not to give any
further effect to the instru-
tions on which their Officer
has now acted, nor to renew
those orders: And that
in return for this con-
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-cepion he should be authorized to engage for the restitution of the frigate and convoy: the same being to be detained in the mean time as a pledge for this reparation.

In the event of any such hostile conduct as is before stated, the Officer Commanding the Squadron is to do his utmost to destroy the Ships and Arsenal of Copenhagen.

Minute of Cabinet.
Downing St. 30. July 1807
Lord Grenville