Ld. Spencer

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before Your Majesty the Proceedings of a Court Martial held at Portsmouth whereby two more of the Mutineers of the Hermione have been convicted, and sentenced to solitary Imprisonment and as it appears by the Evidence that they were both actively concerned in that atrocious Mutiny & Murder, Earl Spencer humbly submits to Your Majesty that the Sentence should be ordered to be carried into Execution without Delay.

Admiralty 2 Aug: 1800

Duke of Portland

Aug. 5 1800

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In laying before Your Majesty the dispatches which arrived last night from the Lord Lieutenant, which contain a list of the Acts & a copy of the speech which the Duke of Portland presumes to express his satisfaction on considering as the last that will ever have to receive the Royal assent or to be delivered from the Throne but by Your Majesty or your Royal Descendants in person, he begs leave with all humility to submit to Your Majesty for Your Royal signature the necessary Grant of the Office of

Clerk

Clerk of the Pipe to the Earl of Carhampton's Relation, in consequence of which, as has been represented to Your Majesty, & the signification of Your Majesty's consent, the Earl of Carhampton is forthwith to resign the Office of Master General of the Ordnance. The Duke of Portland also begs leave to submit to Your Majesty that it is the intention of Your Majesty's Servants to desire the attendance of Lord Castlereagh about the 20th of this month (the time which he states to be the most convenient to himself) in order to consider & prepare the arrangements which the new Order of things arising out of the happy Event of the Union will require to be submitted to Your Majesty & to

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Duke of Portland

Aug. 5 1800

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Bulstrode

Tuesday 5 August 1800

½ p. 10. a. m.

The Duke of Portland,
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Buckingham S: Aug: 4 1800

Ld. Somerville to Hon. Pitt

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Sir

H. St. Street August 5th 1800.

I was unwilling to trouble you on a subject indifferent perhaps to yourself, but of no common interest to me, nor would I until the recess allowed you time to give it a moments consideration, and the necessity for doing so is become too apparent. –

The manner of my removal from the Presidency of the Board of Agriculture and the conclusions which have generally been drawn from it would be beyond all expression, nor at the end of ten weeks since my return

to England has any Explanation been offered me by any of those who took part in it — I know how you Sir appreciate him who preceded me in that Situation. I must have seen into his proceedings and would not unkindly suppose that I was placed there to wipe up his steps. I would not trouble you occasionally where the Office I held might have justified me in doing so because your time was not to be trespassed on, yet I did not the less regret that no notice was taken in various cases of its own Institution, where with great propriety it might have been by Parliament — well knowing that without such Encouragement no Individual could give such a Situation

Ld. Somerville to Hon. Pitt

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its full effect whatever might be his
diligence and skill. I have long exerted
myself to the utmost of my little ability
to forward your measures, and have
made it not only my duty but my
pride to serve you — This must be
my excuse indeed for waiting on you
when I was first appointed to that
office for the purpose of receiving
any hints you might think fit to
give and of course to act on them —
I can therefore hardly bring myself to
suppose that you Sir would intention-
-ally strike at the root of my
reputation and peace of mind. —
I have only to add that had I known
your wishes I would most chearfully
have put them in execution both in

the Conduct or Resignation of such an Office, and I do most earnestly request that some Means may be taken to wipe off that Stain which the Public thinks fit to attach to my Removal — it sits too heavily on my Mind to be endured any longer in Silence. —

I have the Honor to be

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Somerville —

Right Honble
William Pitt
&c &c &c — . —

The
Lord Somerville to the
Rt. Honble Wm Pitt.
August 5. 1780

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Admiralty 8th Aug: 1800.

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before Your Majesty the Proceedings of a Court Martial on Lieutenant Franklin of the Marines together with the Opinion of the Hon.ble M. Percival on the Sentence passed by that Court, by which it appears that their having sentenced that Officer to be reduced from his Rank of first Lieutenant to that of second Lieutenant is not warranted by Law, though the Offence for which the Lieutenant was tried seems very well deserving of a Reduction. Earl Spencer therefore humbly

presumes to submit to your Majesty's Pleasure
of your Majesty's signifying your Royal Pleasure
that Lieutenant Franklin's Name should be
struck off the List of Marine Lieutenants, and
that on some future occasion, in case he should
express a proper sense of his ill conduct, your
Majesty will be graciously pleased to allow
of his being appointed a second Lieutenant of
the Marines, by which means the Object of
the Sentence will be carried into Effect, without
being subject to the Legal Objections stated
by Mr Perceval.

Admiralty 8 Sept: 1800.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty – 9th Aug. 1800.

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Earl Spencer has very great Satisfaction in being enabled to lay before your Majesty another Instance of the distinguished Intrepidity and Skill of British Seamen, with which he has no doubt but that your Majesty will be much pleased; and as it happens that Mr Coghlan the acting Lieutenant who commanded the Boats on this Occasion has not received a sufficient Rank in your Majesty's Navy to entitle him to receive a Lieutenant's

Commission according to the established Rules,
Earl Spencer humbly submits to your Majesty
that it may be proper to distinguish this
very gallant Service by signifying your
Majesty's Pleasure that Mr Cochlan may
be appointed a Lieutenant notwithstanding his
Want of Time for which Proceeding there
appears to be a Precedent, a Minute of which
he has the Honour to inclose herewith.

Admiralty. 9 Aug: 1800.

Duke of York

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Oatlands August 10th 1800

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Majestys most gracious Letter and am deputed by Colonel Calvert to lay Him at Your Majestys feet and to return Your Majesty his most humble thanks for Your Goodness in promoting Him to the Command of the 5th West Indian Regiment.

I have likewise the Honor to lay before Your Majesty for Your Approbation the proceedings and Sentence of a Detachment Court Martial which has been held upon Quarter Master Braybrooke of the Royal Dragoons on account of the Petition which was sent to be signed by almost every Quarter Master belonging to the Regiments of Cavalry at Sunday Camp without the knowledge of their respective Commanding Officers

Your Majesty will find a Letter from the President of the Court Martial in the case of the Court recommending to your Quarter Master Broughton to Your Majesty's mercy as to commute his sentence from being ~~reduced to being~~ suspended ~~for a short time~~ as Your Majesty may think fit.

It is my duty however to state to Your Majesty that since the Brigade Court Martial was over a Court of Enquiry has sat upon Quarter Master Hughes of the 17 Light Dragoons, and after every investigation which could be made into the business it appears clearly that the whole originated in the Regt which indeed is so to be seen from the Petition itself, as among the grievances complained of is that of Quarter Masters being obliged to purchase their own Horses, which has been ever the invariable practice of the Service

Duke of York

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except in the Royals. I trust therefore in the names of Lieutenant Generals Dundas and Grey as well as in my own, humbly entreat Your Majesty to approve of the whole sentence being put in full force and that a letter may be written to the Commanding Officers of the different Regiments ordering them to communicate the sentence to their respective Quarter Masters and expressing Your Majesty's high displeasure at the conduct of those who signed the petition.

As Quarter Master Braybrke has a large Family and purchased his Warrant for four Hundred Pounds Your Majesty will perhaps be graciously pleased to allow the money which he paid for his Warrant to be returned to his Wife.

There are some other circumstances which have come out in this investigation which I shall think it my duty to lay before Your

Majesty when I have the Honor to pay my duty to Windsor but which I do not consider to trouble Your Majesty with by letter.

I am Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Duke of York

to H. Majesty 1820

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Ld. Spencer

Aug. 11 1800

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Earl Spencer has the honour to acquaint your Majesty that having taken into Consideration the unpleasant Circumstances (of which your Majesty is already apprized) which took place with respect to Admiral Sir Alan Gardner, on the appointment of the Earl of St Vincent to the chief Command of the Fleet, it appeared to him so evident that it was impossible either that Sir Alan Gardner's Situation could be in any respect agreeable to himself, or, from the unhappy want of Cordiality which must have followed the above mentioned circumstances, he

likely to promote the Interests of the publick Service;
that he was induced on the Arrival of Sir Alan
in to Port to make a Proposal to him to remove
to another Situation more suitable for him in every
respect; and Earl Spencer has great Satisfaction
in having it in his power to lay before your Majesty
the accompanying Answer from Sir Alan Gardner
together with his Letter to that Admiral whereby
your Majesty will perceive that he has in a very
handsome & proper Manner acceded to what
was proposed to him.

In consequence of this Answer Earl Spencer
means at an early opportunity to write to Admiral

Ld. Spencer

Aug. 11 1800

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Kingsmill, and apprize him of the intention of relieving him from his present station, but he presumes at the same time humbly to represent to your Majesty that as that Officer has for a long space of time meritoriously and ably conducted an important Command, it might be very proper that he should be distinguished by a Mark of your Majesty's gracious appreciation of his services, which it is humbly submitted should, if your Majesty approves of it, be a Baronetage, an honour which he has no doubt would be highly gratifying to the feelings of Admiral Kingsmill.

Admiralty. 11 Aug: 1800.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty 11th Aug. 1806

Lord Grenville.
Dropmore, 11th Aug: 1800.

Dropmore August 11. 1800.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty some letters which were this day delivered to him by Baron Mylius; together with the copy of his letters of recall which he has, as he says, very unexpectedly received. He is apprized by

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a dispatch from the Duke that the intention is to send him to Berlin, under the idea that a Congress is immediately to be opened for negotiating a general Peace, under the mediation of Russia, and Prussia.

Baron Muylius is himself very sensible of the ill impressions which this step may produce, and seems much to wish that Your Majesty would authorize some intimation to be given either to him, or directly to the

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Lord Grenville.
Dropmore, 11th Aug. 1800.

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Duke of a wish on Your Majesty's part that he should remain here: in which case he would take upon himself to wait for further orders.

Lord Grenville also humbly transmits a letter which he received a few days since from Baron Mylius on the subject of pecuniary assistance to the Duke in his present situation. As far as Lord Grenville can presume to offer an opinion he should not think that the circumstances were such as to call for such

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a step, unless there were any particulars unknown to Lord Grenville which might induce Your Majesty to judge differently.

The Prince of Wurtemberg who is now here came to Lord Grenville last week to ask, as he said, his advice respecting a letter which he proposed writing to Your Majesty to solicit some pecuniary aid. Lord Grenville gave not the least encouragement to this idea, and proposes with Your Majesty's permission to write to the Prince to dissuade Him from putting Your Majesty under the necessity of giving a negative to such a request.

The Turkish Ambassador having

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having received orders from his Court to return immediately, was under much difficulty about his Audience of leave. Lord Grenville took upon him to assure him that his taking leave under these circumstances by a letter addressed to Lord Grenville would be regarded by Your Majesty as equally respectful. He has accordingly written such a letter to which Lord Grenville will with Your Majesty's leave answer in such terms as may satisfy the Ambassador and his Court.

Mrs Howe
11th August 1800

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Sir

Mrs Howe has so frequently been honored by your Majesty's gracious notice and experienced so often your Royal condescension, that her gratitude cannot be encreased, nor can she ever in words express the feelings of her Heart; though indeed, the unbounded goodness of her most dearly beloved sovereign, has more than on one occasion forced bursts of tears from her Eyes.

The Countess of Altamont and the Baroness Howe desire that every expression of Duty & gratitude may be presented to

your Majesty, they are very sensible to the truth of your Majesty's observations, that they have at present more real cause to rejoice than to lament, and Mrs Howe with truth has the satisfaction to add that they have already acquired a composure & calmness such as she is content with; They all three pray that every happiness & prosperity during a long life may be the lot of their most admirable Sovereign, that he may be preserved a blessing to his beloved family and to his united Kingdoms.

Mrs Howe has the honor to be Sir

Your Majesty's most Dutiful & most grateful

Caroline Howe

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Die Truppen des Königs Majestät und das Feldmarschallamt über die Einquartirung der Cavallerie im Vorraus zu geben: daß die Stammschaft des 3ten Cavallerie Regiments nicht wohl in Stade bey den Bürgern einquartirt werden kann, daß es aber angehen wird die Husaren Theils bey denselben Theils auf andern Art anzubringen und dadurch zu bewerkstelligen daß die Pferdenen des Cavallerie einquartirt werden. Alsdann können

Das 1 Escadron, nämlich Husaren Pferden in Stade bestimmt, und dieses einen neuen Anbau auf dem Platze wo die alten gestandenen Ställe abgebrannt sind, hinzuzufügen Raum gegeben werden.

Das 1 Escadron lassen sich die Quartieren in Burtehude dergestalt einrichten daß die Stammschaft bey den Bürgern liegt und für die Pferde Stallung gebauet wird

Dieses ist Bericht von der Königl Regierung noch nicht untersucht, wird aber von dem Feldmarschallamt vorschlagen, welches sich auf einen Bericht des Herrn

von Schulte und Instruction vorläufige Anordnungen in Buxtehude entzieht.

Das 1 Escadron darin in Verden Recht geschafft werden wenn die Infanterie Garnison Ausfüllungsweise vermindert wird. Die Dragoner kommen sodann in die Königes Husaren, und für die Pferde werden die die zweyten Husaren das 5ten Regts Pferde angehaben.

Nach dieser Einrichtung hält das Oberkommando für die Regimenter von Zeitvergleichen, daß

1 Escadron des 3ten Regts nach Stade
1 Escadron des 4ten — — Buxtehude
1 Escadron des 5ten — — Verden

verlegt werden, und die andern Escadrons jedes dieses drey Regimenter schon bisherigen Quartieren auf der Geest behalten.

Da dieses Königlichen Vergnügen Absicht nicht gewesen ist, hingegen das 4te Regiment zu weit rückwärts liegen würde wenn es nur diese neuen Enthalten alle Vorsch Quartieren von das 3te und 5te abgenommen, und dessen Geest Quartieren allein behalten sollte, so habe ich geschrieben die Anfrage:

gemäßen darnach einrichten und allenfallsig
vorlegen zu dürfen.

Das Geld ist durch Herr Mayer, der vorigen
Entlaßen in der Mary'ß gesorgt daß die Regiments
Lasten zu bezahlen und die Wittwen Verpflegung ab durch
einen Abzug mit 6 Procent allmählig wieder
abtragen

Sunbury
12th August 1800.

Leopold

Baron Lentha

August 12. 1800

Duke of Portland,
Bulstrode 14th Augt. 1800.

Your Majesty's Letter of the 11th instant was delivered last night by Lord Charles Somerset to the Duke of Portland —

Upon the most serious & deliberate consideration which it has been in the Duke of Portland's power to give to Your Majesty's Commands to lay before Your Majesty his Opinion of the fitness of Lord Charles Somerset to succeed to the Government of Jamaica

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the Duke of Portland submits with all humility to Your Majesty's superior wisdom that from recent events which have taken place in that part of the world as well as in Europe, & from others which are actually depending the administration of that Government is become much more complicated & difficult than at any period since it has made a part of Your Majesty's Dominions. The unprecedented & peculiar circumstances in which the Island of St Domingo happens to be placed not only with regard to itself but relatively to that of Jamaica, & the Crisis which is impending over the Government of the United

Duke of Portland,
Bulstrode. 11th Aug. 1800.

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United States, together with the introduction of Negro Corps into Jamaica which however necessary, is a step now taken for the first time & has been an object of unremitting jealousy & apprehension. & in addition to that the zealous & unbearable disposition which has been manifested by the Legislature & particularly by the Assembly of that Island are some of the many reasons which oblige the Duke of Portland to represent most all deference to Your Majesty that his duty suggested to him the necessity of offering to Your Majesty for the very important station a person of more

more experience & better known in the conduct of Political &
Military Business than Lord Charles Somerset, who from the unwa=
=ry which the Duke of Portland had made him in communicating
to him the purport of Your Majesty's most gracious Letter, seems
little aware of the nature & extent of the employment he was
solicited to undertake, which in the variety & importance of its
duties will certainly not admit of any comparison with any other
of Your Majesty's West Indian Governments — the Duke

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of Portland humbly begs leave to add that not discouraged by the difficulties which he has hitherto met with in selecting a proper person to propose to Your Majesty for the Government of Jamaica he has ~~it~~ in contemplation a temporary arrangement which he hopes to be able in a very few days to submit to Your Majesty by which he is willing to hope Your Majesty's interests in that part of the world may be effectually secured from injury as the circumstances of the times will admit —

Burlington Thursday night 14 August 1800 —

Lord Chas. Somerset
14th August 1800

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Swinley Camp
August 14th 1800

Sire

In Obedience to Your Majesty's Commands, I had yesterday the Honor to present to the Duke of Portland the Letter Your Majesty so kindly condescended to write -

The Duke will have the Honor to communicate to Your Majesty the Result - which I fear will not be favorable to my Wishes and the Interest of my Family - whatever however may be their Fate or mine

"To the King"

in Life, Your Majesty I trust will believe that I shall ever retain the most lively sense of Gratitude for Your unbounded Goodness to them and Myself — For Your Health, Prosperity and Happiness shall we, Gracious, most fervently pray — To bless You, shall be the first Word my Children shall learn to utter — To bless You shall be the Effort of our latest breath —

With every Sentiment of Gratitude and Respect permit me to subscribe Myself Your Majesty's most dutiful & most obliged Subject & humble Servant

"To The King" Charles Henry Somerset

Lord Grenville,

Dropmore. 15th Augt. 1800.

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Dropmore Aug. 15. 1800

In humble obedience to Your Majesty's commands Lord Grenville has sent to Baron Inglins the two letters from Your Majesty, to the Duke and Duchess of Wurtemberg, together with a letter from himself to Baron Inglins, and another to Count Zeppelin, the drafts of which

which Your Majesty will receive with this note.

Duke of Portland,
Bulstrode 18th Aug. 1800.

The Duke of Portland has most humbly to implore Your Majesty's forgiveness for a very great act of inadvertence & presumption which he finds, to his great shame & confusion, to have been committed at his Office by a Commission having been laid before Your Majesty for the appointment of Major General Knox to be Lieutenant Governor of Jamaica without any orders having been received from Your Majesty for that purpose, or Your Majesty's

pleasure

pleasure having been taken respecting it. The Duke of Portland anxiously entreats Your Majesty's condescension to suffer him to state to Your Majesty the cause of this inadvertence as the only ground on which he can rest his hope for Your Majesty's pardon. He has lately been privy to several conversations which have passed between Mr Secretary Dundas & the Duke of Portland on the subject of Jamaica & knowing that in the course of last week Major General Knox had attended him & expressed his readiness to go to Jamaica in case Your Majesty should approve of his being sent there, concluded that Mr Secretary Dundas or the

Duke of Portland,
Bulstrode 18th Aug. 1800.

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Duke of Portland would not have desired to submit the measure to Your Majesty, & knowing the importance of that Station being properly filled, he directed the Commission to be prepared forthwith, & for want of further explanation on the part of Mr King, it found its way into the Box which contained other instruments of the same form for Your Majesty's signature — Since the Conversations above alluded to it has been the Duke of Portland's intention, in case Your Majesty should think fit to entrust the command of Your Possession Jamaica to Major General King to offer him to Your Majesty's

consideration

consideration as the most proper person, that occurred, to act as Deputy
of the Earl of Balcarres, as Lieutenant Governor; & until Your Majesty
should fix upon a Governor in chief; and the sanction which that idea
has received by the opinion Your Majesty has condescended to express
of Major General Knox encourages the Duke of Portland to acknowledge
that the temporary arrangement which he had in contemplation to submit to
Your Majesty for Jamaica, was the appointment of a Lieutenant Governor
in the person of that General Officer: but as the Commission appointing
Major General Knox to the Lieutenant Government of Jamaica is not
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distinguishable in its form from that of any fatal Office, has consequently possibly escaped Your Majesty's observation — The Duke of Portland can not presume to countenance it until it has been again submitted to Your Majesty, & that he receives Your Majesty's Commands to carry it into effect —

The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty a letter he received last night from the Lord Lieutenant & to approve Your Majesty that the Peers who are junior to Lord

Somerton

Somerton Archbishop of Cashel are Lord Glenbervie Chief Baron of Your
Majesty's Court of Exchequer & Lord Pelhwarden Chief Justice of
The Court of King's Bench —

Bulstrode
Monday 18 August 1800
G. R. M.

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 18th August 1800. 1 p.m.

Mr Dundas humbly begs leave to submit to your Majesty's perusal, a minute with its accompanying Documents upon which He proposes on Wednesday next to take opinion of your Majesty's Confidential Servants.

Duke of York
20th August 1800

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Horse Guards August 20. 1800

Sir

I have little to trouble Your Majesty with this week except to transmit the Usual Weekly Returns, and to lay before Your Majesty the recommendations for the Vacant Commissions for Your Approbation.

I am desired likewise by Sir William Pamitt as President of the Committee for managing the Fund for the relief of the Widows, Wives and Children of the Soldiers and Sailors who fell in Holland to lay at Your Majestys feet a Copy of their proceedings by which Your Majesty will observe that after the most liberal donations to the different objects for which the Subscription was set on foot, they have still above Sixteen Pounds in hand.

In obedience to Your Majestys commands I sent an order to the 4th Regiment to form a Light Company of eighty men and to march them to Weymouth to join the other Companies under Colonel Lawson, but the Commanding Officer has reported

but out of the 153 Men of which the whole Regiment consists he has not above forty fit for active service at present, the rest being composed either of Invalids or of raw recruits who have never had a firelock in their Hands, and that besides he has neither Sufficient Arms or Cloathing for them, under these Circumstances I suppose Your Majesty will approve of the Detachment not being sent.

I trust Will Your Majesty permit me to take the liberty of paying my duty to You at Windsor next Sunday for a few days.

I have the Honor to be

Your

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful Son

and Subject

Cambridge

Marq.s of Salisbury
20th August 1850

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Arlington Street
20 Augt. 1800

Sire

Having been informd by Sir Stephen Cottrell that the Turkish Ambassador had received his Letters of recall, and had obtaind your Majesty's Permission to return without his Audience of Leave. I have the honor to wait Your Majesty's Directions for the usual Present of

one thousand pounds Sterling to his Excellency and one hundred and Ten pounds to the Secretary of the Embassy.

I think it my Duty to State to Your Majesty that the Trustees of the Opera House having declared the impossibility of performing their Trust while Mr Taylor was manager, had agreeable to a Clause in the original deed bearing date in 1792 called upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Bedford and

myself to nominate five Noblemen or Gentlemen to chuse a Manager. In consequence of this, a meeting was held yesterday at Lord Kinnaird, but his Grace having taken the opinion of Mr Fonblanc, that Gentleman seemd to think, that as the present Deed was worded, we were not authorised to take such a Step. Knowing Mr Taylor would lose no time in ap-
-plying to me to give him a Licence, I thought it proper to inform his Grace and the Trustees that I should certainly be guided by the Attorney General, and do no act without

his Advice. It was agreed that a Case should be laid before Mr Fonblanque, that we might know what arrangement could be made for us to act under this Deed, which I shall make it my Duty to forward to Your Majesty.

With every sentiment of the most profound Respect & veneration I am Sire

Your Majesty's
most dutiful
and
most loyal Subject
Salisbury

Duke of Portland

Aug. 20 1800

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The Duke of Portland is commanded to thank Your the Opinion Your Majesty has condescended to express of the Earl of Shannon that it can not be necessary for him to trouble Your Majesty with a detail of the services which Lord Castlereagh has exerted & Your Majesty's Government in Ireland has received from Lord Shannon during the course of the Rebellion & in bringing about the measure

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of honour, & that the grace which the Lord Lieutenant requests of
Your Majesty for Lord Shannon's Family was totally unsolicited by him.
but the Duke of Portland can not refuse Lord Castlereagh's argument
in argument to Your Majesty that it is the Lord Lieutenant's grace
that the Peerage of Ireland could not have been proposed but for
the embarrassment it received from the Earl of Shannon, & that it
would have been impossible to have effected it but for his
energetick, zealous & powerful.

Windsor Thursday 20 August 1800

Earl Spencer.
Admiralty – 22d Aug: 1800.

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Earl Spencer having consulted with Mr Pitt on the subject of the Vacancy occasioned by the Death of Admiral Barington, has the Honor humbly to propose to your Majesty that Lord Bridport should be promoted to be General of Marines, and that the Lieutenant Generalship of that Corps should be conferred on the Earl of St Vincent, who is situated at present in the Command of the Channel Fleet seems to render it impossible to put him by in the distribution of that Naval Distinction.

Admiralty. 22 Aug: 1800.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty 23d Aug. 1800.

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Earl Spencer has the Honor to acquaint Your Majesty that Sir Henry Harvey has with great Readiness accepted the Offer made to him of hoisting his Flag in the Channel Fleet, and will be immediately ordered to do so on board the Royal Sovereign, or with Sir Andrew Mitchell on board either of the Windsor Castle or any other Ship which the Commander in Chief may prefer. Sir Robert Calder has also been added to the Rear Admirals under the Command of the Earl of St Vincent, the

present Course of the Service appearing to require a larger number of Flag Officers than has hitherto been employed: the latter Officer will have his Flag in the Prince of Wales when that Ship is ready for Sea.

Admiralty. 23 Aug: 1800.

Sr. Dundas
25th August 1800

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Downing Street 25th August 1800
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Mr Dundas humbly sends for your Majestys perusal the accompanying Paper which has been put into his hands by Mr Wellesley. The different articles mentioned in the Inventory are at Mr Dundas's office, where they can be delivered to

any Person your Majesty may
be pleased to direct, or can
remain there till your
Majestys Return, if that
is more agreeable to Your
Majesty.

Lord Grenville,
Downing St. 25th Aug. 1800.

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Downing Street Aug. 25. 1800.
3. P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty by this Messenger the dispatches received this morning from Lord Whitworth, and also two papers which were sent to the Office yesterday by M. Otto the French Agent for Prisoners.

Lord Grenville found it impossible

impossible to collect Your Majesty's Servants today, to deliberate on these two subjects; he has therefore sent notes to such of them as are in or near London, for a Cabinet tomorrow, when he will have the honour to submit to Your Majesty the result of their deliberations.

In the mean time the orders are given today for reinforcing Admiral Dixon with four more ships now stationed off Gorce.

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 26th August 1800 10 A.M.

Mr Dundas humbly begs leave to inform your Majesty that with your Majesty's permission He goes this day for a fortnight to Cheltenham. He would much rather have gone immediately to Scotland, but He is so earnestly urged by Sir Walter Farquhar and his family

to make a trial of the Waters
of Cheltenham, He does not
think himself at liberty
longer to resist it

Mr Dundas has not
yet had it in his Power to
write any thing more pointed
to your Majesty on the
subject of the Paper He took
the liberty of transmitting

Henry Dundas

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cately to your Majesty. Mr
Dundas is more confirmed in
his own opinion by every consi:
deration He can give to it,
and shall not desist from
making in the meantime every
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ly two Doubts. one whether
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ed would be adequate to
the object. the other whether
after sending so large a
force to such a Distance, a
Sufficient Security remained
for your Majestys Dominions
of Great Britain and Ireland
upon the first of those Doubts
Mr Dundas has only to

observe that the force is
nearly double of that which
on the former occasion captur-
ed the Fort and Harbour
of the Havanna, and as
further confirmation arises
from a letter which Sir
Ralph Abercrombie wrote
to Mr Dundas from Martinico
in 1797, wherein He states

a force of fifteen or sixteen
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force requisite for an of-
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you Dundas proposes to commit to the perusal of your Majesty's Servants will put an end to every apprehension that can be entertained with regard to the Security of your Majesty's dominions at home.

Mr. Secy. Dundas,

Wimbledon, 26th. Aug. 18[illegible]

Lord Grenville,
Downing St. 26th Aug. 1800.

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Downing Street Aug. 26. 1800.
3. PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to submit to Your Majesty the minute of Cabinet respecting the Danish business: And he will in the course of this afternoon trouble Your Majesty with another Messenger respecting the other business, which there has not yet been

been sufficient time to complete.

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Downing Street
August 26. 1800.

Present

The Lord President,
Duke of Portland
Earl Spencer
Earl of Liverpool,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Mr. Secretary Dundas,
Lord Grenville.

Upon consideration of the dispatches from Lord Whitworth and Vice-

Vice-Admiral Dickson,

It was agreed humbly submit to His Majesty,

That Vice Admiral Dickson should forthwith be instructed that in the event of Lord Whitworth's having actually left Copenhagen, the Vice-Admiral should on the receipt of these instructions send to Copenhagen a flag of truce with a letter notifying that unless he shall within a number of hours to be limited by him in that letter receive from the Danish

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Government a written declaration of its accepting the Ultimatum delivered by Lord Whitworth he is to commence hostilities. And that in case of his not obtaining such answer within the time so to be limited he should accordingly proceed according to the best of his judgment to take such measures as may be most effectual to annoy the Arsenals, Ships of War, and Commerce of Denmark.

That if Lord Whitworth should be still on the spot the Vice-Admiral

-miral is to communicate
these instructions to him,
and is to be wholly governed
by his advice respecting
the actual commencement
of offensive operations, or
the making, to the Danish
Government, any such no-
-tification as is above-
-mentioned.

That if Mr. Merry
should be on the spot, the
Vice Admiral is in the ab-
-sence of Lord Whitworth
to communicate in like
manner with him, and to
be governed by his advice
on the two points above-
-mentioned.

That the Vice Admiral
should carry these
instructions

instructions into effect as far as His force will allow, notwithstanding any opposition on the part either of the Ministers, or of the forces, of Russia, or Sweden.

That instructions should be sent to Lord Whitworth, highly approving his conduct in the execution of his commission, and directing him to continue to act on the same principles if these dispatches should still find him at Copenhagen. That if he should be still there, and

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his ultimatum not have been finally acceded to, the King entrusts to him the discretion of directing the actual commencement of hostilities, supposing that he should find it impracticable in any other way to overcome the obstinacy of the Danish Government.

That if the satisfaction shall actually have been granted, or if as a facility towards obtaining it, he should find that any advantage can be derived from the communication of the projet to be sent to him with these instructions, he is at liberty so to do; provided always that he takes

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sufficient care that the Danish Government shall not avail themselves of it as a means of gaining time: He being to consider it as a principal object of attention to bring the matter to a decisive issue before the Court of Petersburgh can declare a resolution of making common cause with Denmark.

That as it appears possible that Lord Whitworth may have left Mr Merry behind him at Copenhagen, a duplicate of these orders should be sent to him, with directions to act upon them in Lord Whitworth's absence.

Minute of Cabinet

26th Augt. 1800.

Lord Grenville

Lord Grenville,
Cleveland Row, 26th Oct. 1800.
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Cleveland Row Aug. 26. 1800
½ p. 7. PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to acquaint Your Majesty, that at the meeting of Your Majesty's Servants this day it was agreed to send Captain

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George to Mr. Otto to learn from him whether he was empowered to communicate the paper to which his communication relates - meaning thereby the note delivered by Lord Minto to M. de Chaugut.

Mr. Otto mistaking the meaning of this Message sent the original of his Fult. Powers for concluding an Armistice, and which as it appears, relate only to an Armistice

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between this Country and France, without any mention of Allies on either side.

In the mean time another mail arrived, and brought dispatches from Lord Minto with the copy of that note, which Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit herewith.

In considering this paper, and also the letter from M. de Thugut which accompanied it, Your Majesty's Servants agreed

agreed humbly to advise Your Majesty that it would be right to authorize a proper person to converse with Mr. Otto, in conformity to the instructions contained in the minute which accompanies this letter.

If Your Majesty should approve of this Lord Grenville thinks that the employing Captain George upon this commission might perhaps be expedient as less likely to attract attention than if any other person were

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fixed upon. But if a discussion of this point with Mr Pitt any fitter person should occur they humbly hope that Your Majesty would not disapprove of their making a different choice.

Lord Grenville does not trouble Your Majesty with the remainder of this Mail till the usual time. It has brought nothing else of any importance.

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Instructions to Captn. George

1. To declare that the Note presented at Vienna by Lord Minto contains the expression of His Majesty's sentiments, and that the King is ready to act in conformity to it.

2. To enquire whether any answer has been returned by the French Government to the proposal contained in M. de Hugues's letter to M. Talleyrand respecting a place for the meeting of Plenipotentiaries to carry on joint negotiation: Or whether M. Otto is

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authorized to agree with this Government on that point, agreably to the suggestion contained in M. Thugut's letter.

3°. To express in that case that either of the places named by M. de Thugut would be agreed to by His Majesty, and Plenipotentiaries sent thither on His Majesty's part to meet those of Austria & France, provided that the French Government is willing to enter into sufficient engagements for the freedom of direct communication by Couriers between this Country

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4. That with respect to the proposal of an Armistice, the King would see with great satisfaction the moment when He could with propriety adopt any measure, the immediate effect of which would put a stop, at least for a time, to the calamities of War. But that as an Armistice applying to Naval operations has at no period ever been agreed on between Great Britain & France during the course of their negotiations

negotiations for Peace, or until the Preliminaries have been actually signed. That it cannot therefore be considered as a step necessary to negotiation, and, that from the disputes to which its execution must unavoidably be expected to give rise, it might more probably tend to obstruct than to facilitate the success of those endeavours which the two parties might employ for the restoration of Peace. That the circumstances of a Naval War are obviously not such as to admit of such

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equal arrangements as are easily established with regard to military operations when suspended by such an Agreement. That it appears therefore at all events premature to enter even into the dis=cussion of this question untill, from the course of the Negotiations, it shall more clearly appear how far they are likely to lead to a satisfactory issue. And that no decision could in any case be taken here on such a subject unless the French Government had previously explained in what manner it

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is conceived that the principles of the regulations adopted in the German Armistice with respect to blockaded Towns, can be applied to the Naval Ports & Arsenals of France so as to carry bonâ fide into execution the respective objects as to maritime forces, those stipulations have in view with respect to the Military positions occupied by the two Armies.

Duke of Portland

Aug. 27 1800

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The Duke of Portland most humbly submits to your Majesty the draft of the dispatch which he wrote to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in obedience to the Commands Your Majesty was pleased to signify to the Duke of Portland on the 25th inst.

Whitehall Wednesday 27th August 1800

Ld. Grenville

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Downing Street August 29. 1800.
3 PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty Captain George's report of his conversation with Mr. Otto, in consequence of which Your Majesty's Servants this day agreed that a written answer should be sent to Mr Otto agreeably to the tenor of the minute which

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was before delivered to Captain George for the regulation of his language.

As it is probable that the answer from the French Government to Mr. Otto will make it necessary that a Minister should be sent on Your Majesty's part to Lunéville, Lord Grenville has in obedience to the commands Your Majesty was pleased to lay upon him, spoken to Mr Grenville on the subject, who has expressed his readiness to undertake any duty in which

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Lord Grenville,

Downing St. 29. Aug. 1806