

hd. Wellesley to H.R.H.

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18<sup>th</sup> February 1812

Lord Wellesley has the honor to return his most grateful acknowledgments to Your Royal Highness for your gracious acceptance of his resignation of the Office of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, which he has continued to hold merely in obedience to Your Royal Highness's special & repeated commands.

Lord Wellesley is persuaded that Your Royal Highness has hitherto withheld

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withholden your assent to his earnest  
request of being permitted to lay  
the Seals of that office at your feet,  
from motives of the most condescending  
personal indulgence towards his  
humble services; He now receives  
this signal act of grace, as the  
strongest testimony of Your Royal  
Highness's benevolence & favor, &  
as a most timely and happy  
relief from a state of the most  
painful difficulty & embarrassment.  
He will wait on Your Royal Highness  
with

the Seals at any time that You  
may be pleased to command.

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