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Kensington Palace,

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Monsieur le Comte,

According to the Promise I gave You last week, I have carefully and duly considered the Papers which You laid before me on that occasion, and now communicate to You the result of my Deliberation, as likewise the Determination which I have taken upon this important question.

Having signed the Constitution of 1833 as given by the King William IV. to his Hannoverian subjects, after it had been read and explained to me by His Excellency Baron Ompteda, who had received His Majesty's orders to ask an audience of me for that specific Purpose, and having thereby not only signified my approval of the same, but also pledged my adhesion and support of it, I find myself under the painful though absolute necessity of declining to put my name to another public

Document, in as much as by Such an act I should sign a condemnation of my previous conduct, as it would convey an admission on my part of having entered into a solemn obligation with my Sovereign and the People of Hanover in the year 1833., without a proper and due consideration of so sacred a compact which I can never allow, and which would further place me in a false position towards the King and the People of Hanover.

I remain with consideration

Monsieur Le Comte

Your obliged

(Signed) Augustus