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Windsor, November 10. 1742

My Dear Lord,

The Queen being desirous that the Medicines
Expences should, if possible, be paid regularly every Quarter
was pleased to issue Her Warrant, for the Payment of £21,740.9.10
due on that Account, up to 10th of October, intending that
the subsequent Accounts should be made up for each Quarter
but upon Application being made at the Privy Purse Office
for Payment, it was stated by Mr Rowland that the Funds
were insufficient. — The Queen, in consequence, ordered me
to write to Mr Drummond for Information in regard to
The Right Honourable

The Earl of Devonport

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the Application & the actual Amount of the Monies in
his hands disposable for Medical Expenses; and I am
now honored with His Majesty's Commands to transmit
for Your Lordship's Information a Paper containing the
Statement made by Mr Drummond and a General Abstract
of Debts & Credits. —

From this Your Lordship will perceive
that the Monies in the hands of Mr Drummond are insufficient
to cover the Medical Charges up to 10th November, and that
the Deficiency on that head alone will on the 13th ^{inst} of the
Expiration of the Twelve Month exceed £12000. — The
Act indeed authorizes Mr Drummond to call upon the
Commissioners for Assistance towards discharging these Expenses
but I am sorry to say that his receiving any Aid from

He is totally out of the Question for, as is shewn in the
accompanying Paper, the Outstanding Debts or Claims still
amount to about £12000, and the utmost Means at
his Disposal towards liquidating these immediate Demands
do not exceed £6000 a Proportion of which arises from
the Produce of the Sale of Live Farming Stock. — The
Result of this Statement is a general Debt upon his
Majesty's Revenue & Property to the Amount of nearly
£10000 without any immediate Means of discharging
it. — Even the Sale of the whole of the Farming Stock in
the Event of a Transfer of the Farms will not provide for
more than one half (if so much) of the Debt; and the
expected Reduction of about £7000 annually in the
Medical Expenses would still leave a considerable

Both at the Expiration of the ensuing Twelve Month.

The Queen commands Me to request Your Lordship's
Serious Attention to this Representation and to refer You
also for further Elucidation of the State of Her Majesty's
Private Concerns to the Report made by the Commissioners
to Her Majesty & the Prince Regent, of which Her Majesty
authorized Me some time ago to deliver a Copy to Your
Lordship. - The Queen further orders Me to observe that
the Arrangements recently made, provides for the utmost
Reduction in the Medical Attendance which She can
possibly sanction.

I have the Honour to be with the
greatest Regard,
My Dear Lord

Your Lordship's Most Obedient

& Most Faithful Servant
Sir Robert Taylor
Ch. Taylor