be founded upon an Intimation thrown out by Lord Loughborough when he was Chancellor, that they had a political Lien" which ought to be satisfied out of the Fund before it should be suffered to pass from the Crown. — As soon as I had read this Report, (a Copy of which Mr. Vansittart told me had been sent from the Treasury to Lord Hawkesbury's Office,) I went to Downing Street, in the Hope of being able to procure some Explanation of the actual Views of Government on the Point to which it related. — It was impossible to see Lord Hawkesbury; but I had a Conversation of some Length with Mr. Hammond, to whom, as Under Secretary of State in that Department, this Business had always been familiar while in the Hands of Mr. King. — I found that his Idea was, that the paper-Money-Holders were to be paid out of the Stock, & that the Residue only was to be transferred to Maryland; or, in Case it was wished that the whole Fund should be transferred, that Maryland must previously engage to pay these Bills. — Altho I did not believe that such an extraordinary Profession was advanced by the Direction or with the Concurrence of Lord Hawkesbury, it appeared to me to be proper to take this Occasion to resist it in such a Manner as to prevent it from appearing again in a more formal Shape, — especially as Mr. Vansittart had hinted the same Idea. — After expressing, therefore,

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