and the Others, could not, in the opinion of the Chancellor, be heard before the Attorney General is made a party; and being fully convinced, that the King of Great Britain cannot have the least pretence of Claim to any part of the Stock, And thinking that the Opinion and Judgement of the Chancellor, on my Demurrer, was, in Substance, that Mr. Rufoot had no Right to the Stock; I proposed (a fortnight ago) to Mr. Madocks, that I would make the Attorney General a party to my Bill, and immediately try Mr. Rufoot's Claim, if he would limit it, or agree, that the hearing, on his ~~Account~~ answer should not be considered an admission of the Value of his property in Company, or in his own Right, and if the Chancellor should decree him (which I think impossible) to receive Compensation for it out of the Bank Stock, that he would afterwards ascertain the Value. Mr. Madocks, the next Day, informed me, that he had advised Mr. Hutchinson to accept this offer, but I have heard nothing further on the Subject.

On the 3rd of this Month I wrote to Mr. Pitt, and stated the Right of the State to the Stock, the Claims made to part of it by Rufoot and Others, and the opinion of the Lord Chancellor, that the Attorney General must be a party, and of Consequence claim the whole Stock on behalf of the Crown; I asserted, and gave my Reasons, that any Claims, by the Crown, or any of its Subjects