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The Prince of Wales learns from Mr. Pitt's Letter, that the proceedings in Parliament are now in a train which enables Mr. Pitt, according to the intimation in his former Letter, to communicate to the Prince the outlines of the Plan which his Majesty's confidential servants conceive to be proper to be proposed in the present Circumstances.

Concerning the steps already taken by Mr. Pitt the Prince is silent - nothing done by the two Houses of Parliament can be a proper subject of his animadversion - but when previously to any discussion in Parliament the outline of a scheme of Government is sent for his consideration, in which it is

propos'd that he shall be personally and principally
concerned, and by which the Royal Authority, and
the public Welfare, may be deeply affected, the
Prince would be unjustifiable, were he to with-
hold an explicit declaration of his sentiments.
His silence might be construed into a previous
approbation of a Plan, the accomplishment of which
every motive of Duty to his Father and Sovereign
as well as of regard for the public Interest
ought to consider as injurious to both.

In the state of deep distress in
which the Prince and the whole Royal Family
were involv'd by the heavy Calamity which
has fallen upon the King, and at a moment
when Government deprived of its chief Energy

and support seem'd peculiarly to need the cordial
and united aid of all descriptions of good
Subjects, it was not expected by the Prince
that a Plan should be offer'd to his Considera-
-tion, by which Government was to be rendered
difficult, if not impracticable in the Hands of
any Person intended to represent the Kings
authority, much less in the Hands of his eldest
Son, the Heir-apparent of his Kingdoms, and
the Person most bound to the maintenance
of his Majesty's just Prerogatives, and au-
-thority, as well as most interested in the
Happiness, the Prosperity, and the Glory of
his People.

The Prince forbears to reason
on the several parts of the Sketch of ~~the~~ ~~Plan~~

Plan laid before him - he apprehends it
must have been formed with sufficient delibe-
ration to preclude the probability of any ar-
gument from him producing an alteration
of sentiment in the Projectors of it - but he
trusts with Confidence to the Wisdom and
Justice of Parliament, when the whole of
the Subject, and the Circumstances connected
with it shall come under their deliberation.
He observes therefore only generally on the
Heads communicated by Mr. Pitt, and it
is with deep regret the Prince makes the
observation, that there seems ^{to be} in the Contents
of that Paper, a Project for producing weak-
ness, disorder, and insecurity in every
Branch of the Administration of Affairs.